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Climate change has been an issue which as a society we tend to ignore, believing that it is irrelevant and it will never affect us. Greenwich Council has chosen to help support the climate change campaign by encouraging recycling through the recent bin system.

However, as a community we have failed to help our council, littering even where there are bins. For example, the Woolwich

encourage everyone to join Oxfam's 'Here and Now' challenge. Their campaign encourages young people to reduce their carbon footprint throughout the whole of November by doing little things such as not charging their phone overnight when just a few hours does the job, or walking or cycling to school, eating fruits and vegetables from the local greengrocer or market.

By doing this it helps to save you money and reduce your carbon footprint. Although it mainly focuses on young people it doesn't mean that adults themselves cannot uptake the challenge. Personally, I

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believe that this challenge is a helpful way of reducing expenditure, especially in the economic climate in which we find ourselves. Money has become tight and it should be saved by any means necessary. In my own home this challenge has done a great deal by helping to save money on electricity bills.

This is why I would

Taiwo Owatemi

## Get in quick for Green Guardian awards

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**MURAL MAGIC:** students from Moatbridge with local MP Clive Efford on one of his regular visits to the school - and (below) part of the magical mural

## Mural-together

Mural magic by students out of the mainstream

**FLASH, bang, wallop! What a picture of life at Moatbridge! And every single student at the 48-place boys' school in Eltham Palace Road has had a hand in it.**

Each one has a problem with mainstream schooling. But they outshone themselves when they were invited to create this mega mural to tell the world about their special place of learning.

Headteacher Mike Byron and his colleagues found the money to bring in "Aztec" to

by Pat Greenwood

work with the boys to transform their rather dingy sports space.

Moatbridge technology and art teacher John Martin and his assistant Jade Scotter sorted out the painting rotas. And the result - in a host of gleaming colours - features imaginative tributes to everything from the boys' popular football team, to school sub-aqua trips to the Shooters Hill Post-16 campus

on Red Lion Lane, Woolwich, through to venerable learning-icons Shakespeare and Einstein.

There's also a long stretch dedicated to Quazar, the popular laser-guns game.

Teacher John Martin told GT: "Kevin - aka 'Aztec' - does quite a bit of work in the borough, including murals near the old Greenwich District Hospital site in Trafalgar Road, and on the Connaught estate at Woolwich.

"It was just a wire-mesh fence out here until we put the plywood boards up. Then we spent some time creating a whole range of designs based on the lessons and the activities that the pupils enjoy."

The mural was officially unveiled earlier this month at a special barbecue-lunch prepared by Moatbridge boys Harry, Cameron, Mark, Lucas and Daniel, backed by pupils from neighbouring Eltham Hill Technology College for girls.

Moatbridge headteacher

Mike Byron told GT: "I am very proud of what the boys have achieved. It just shows what our students can produce when they are really motivated."

Eltham MP Clive Efford, a regular visitor to the school, said: "Moatbridge is a place that helps young people who have difficulties engaging with mainstream education. This mural is an excellent job, done to a very high standard."

"The boys must have put a lot of effort into it, and they've clearly got a lot out of doing it too."

Junior, 14, from Woolwich, helped with the part highlighting the school's thriving garden project. He said: "It was sunny when we were working on this. Now it makes me feel good to look at it."

Gabriel, 14, from New Eltham, is an avid fan of FC Porto, Portugal, and enjoyed helping with the football part of the mega-mural. He said: "I feel very happy looking at this now because it brings the place to life."



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# Zoe glad to meet you, Ma-am!

## Royal handshake for local champion

**HER Majesty the Queen popped along to see how the 2012 Olympic Park in Stratford was progressing - and got the chance to meet our very own Olympic hopeful Zoe Smith.**

The 15-year-old schoolgirl from Abbey Wood knew that a VIP would be present on Tuesday, November 3, but not the top one.

Zoe, chosen to be there as a potential member of Team England for next year's Commonwealth Games in Delhi, is also being supported by Starting Blocks - a charity committed to helping young Greenwich athletes develop their sporting talents.

She told GT: "There was a hint that the VIP would be a member of the Royal family and I thought it

might be Princess Anne because of her Olympic connections.

"There was quite a bit of waiting around before any members of the Royal family arrived. At this point I still had no idea who I was going to be meeting, so when somebody told me that it was going to be the Queen I was absolutely shocked. What a once-in-a-lifetime chance!"

The Queen helped plant the first of over 4,000 trees that will create the parklands and, after viewing the Olympic Stadium from a platform at the level of the highest spectators' seat, she walked along a section of the 100-metre track and across what will become the finish line.

Seb Coe, chairman of the London Organising

Committee of the Olympic Games, said: "The skyline in this part of London is being changed forever with the Olympic Park becoming a home to world class sport in 2012 and home to a new community afterwards."

Zoe, despite all the weightlifting records and victories, experienced the occasion like a normal teenager. She said: "When the Queen arrived, everyone in the room suddenly fell silent and you could actually feel the suspense. I could tell it was going to be an experience I wouldn't be forgetting any time soon. I actually got to shake her hand, which was then later featured on the BBC News - which I discovered when I got a text from my friend in Manchester alerting me!"



**PRESENT AND CORRECT:** local star Zoe Smith is all smiles as the Queen is introduced to promising young athletes with London 2012 in their sights

## Area becomes an alcohol control zone

**THE area around Arnott Close, Thamesmead, has been designated an Alcohol Control Zone after Greenwich Council took action following complaints by local residents. The council's anti-social behaviour team and the police found the area affected by people drinking alcohol on the streets and causing distress to residents and visitors.**

Information from housing associations, local shopkeepers and residents showed that alcohol was a major factor to trouble in the area.

From last week, following a council cabinet meeting, the following areas will be designated alcohol control zones where a police officer can prevent anyone drinking alcohol if they are behaving anti-socially:

- Arnott Close, Thamesmead, and all subways and roads leading from this area
  - Manor Way border to Bexley borough
  - Crossways from Bexley border to Benthams Way
  - Rear of Cole Close to Eastern Way, back up to Manor Way, Bexley border
- Cllr Maureen O'Mara, the council's cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said: "The introduction of an alcohol control zone in this area will have a positive impact on the community, eliminating any distress caused by the street drinkers. We will not tolerate anti-social behaviour and together we will do our best to prosecute the perpetrators."

## Riders rave over 'fantastic' park

**A GROUP of top-class British Equestrian riders visited Greenwich Park on November 4 - and gave a resounding thumbs up to its use as the equestrian venue for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Will Connell, performance director of the British equestrian team, said "We are lucky to have such a fantastic and iconic venue. Greenwich is a historic**

park and it is exciting to be so close to the main core venue, the Olympic Park.

"I think that local residents should be proud that such an exciting Olympic sport will be on their doorstep in 2012."

Show jumper Tim Stockdale said: "I am very impressed. I was not aware of the park's sheer magnificence, tradition and heritage."

"It is more than suitable, it is fantastic. It will be great to be able to stay in the Olympic Village as well so that the riders can be part of the action."

Eventer Nicola Wilson said: "The cross-country course is wonderful, it has undulations and is in a superb setting. It has been a long-term dream to go to an Olympics, and where else can you jump over the Meridian Line?"

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## Let's stop all the whingeing

I'M fed up with all the whingeing about the Olympic Games coming to Greenwich! Why are we British always so negative? This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to enjoy a world class sporting event in our own backyard and all some people can do is moan. LOCOG are continuing to listen to local opinion and have already made changes to take on board our views. Yet still I was

told by an opponent the other week that the park would be shut for up to eight months. Nothing could be further from the truth. Let's look forward to 2012 and continue to gain from the Games coming into town.

**Bev, Greenwich**  
● AFTER reading the letter (Not excited, Oct 27) I agree that not everyone is excited by the arrival of the Olympic Games, especially if they are to be watched on the ugly-

looking metal construction erected in General Gordon Square, Woolwich. More importantly is the idea that Tesco is spreading their tentacles around Woolwich, which is enough to make one abandon the town centre entirely. Why has more not been made of the existing shopping areas and markets. It is well nigh impossible to get a glimpse of the River Thames from the town.

**Mrs Chowdury, Woolwich**

● Much of the recent work to regenerate Woolwich has opened up the riverfront. The Royal Arsenal which used to be derelict and inaccessible now offers the heritage quarter, a working pier and the Thames Path. Read our 4-page Woolwich feature in this issue to find out more about the latest projects transforming the town centre.

Ed

## Great article...

MY name is Steve Parker, I am 41 years old and now live in Orlando, Florida. I was born and bought up in Woolwich, (John Wilson St). My mum, who I speak to every week, still lives in Woolwich and sends me articles that come up in the newspaper. She was telling me about the article 'So how did the Director General get its name'. She told me that the church that was up on the corner (St John's) was bombed during the war and she never knew what the church looked

like in one piece until she saw the picture in the article. The artillery church up by the barrack was hit by the doodle bug. My mum was on a tram when that bomb hit the church. She said the tram was thrown off the lines. I also remember when the movie theatre ABC was showing Grease and we queued to see it. I have a lot of great memories in Woolwich and come back every year. Thanks for the great article.

Steve Parker, Florida

## Some of us appreciate the effort

I KNOW it is human nature for people to put pen to paper when they are upset about something. Your letters page is proof should it ever be needed! So I wanted to make clear that despite the fact that a handful of people are complaining about the

**STAR LETTER**

state of streets, we don't all share their opinion. The 250 new recruits have been a great success and you can really notice the difference in the cleanliness of local streets. In many ways it is just a shame that we need so many people out

cleaning up rubbish - after all, why don't people take it home or put it in the bins provided. After all, the council is not the source of the rubbish - lazy people are who think it is acceptable to litter. So keep up the good work. Many of us do appreciate it.

S. Smedley, Greenwich

## Where are they?

HAVING read all about the sweepers the council have employed recently - where are they?

Not in Charlton Village or Church Lane. Also, what a joke about notices in Charlton Park about keeping dogs on leads and fouling everywhere.

Where are the people to enforce them? Nowhere.

R.F. Dunn, Charlton

OUR Star Letter writer will win two tickets to a Charlton Athletic match at The Valley for the 2009/10 season, so get writing! For information on 2009/10 season tickets please visit [www.cafc.co.uk](http://www.cafc.co.uk) or call 0871 226 1905.



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These events are being organised by local charities : Greenwich Mencap, Greenwich Toy Library, National Autistic Society, Greenwich Downs Group, Dyslexia Association, GAD and ASBAH.





# Community spirit spreads all over the borough

COMMUNITY safety and community spirit proved the perfect combination for 'Not in my Neighbourhood Week'. Greenwich Council and the police organised a whole programme of events to celebrate the effectiveness of working together to put more still more "green" into Greenwich. There was also a chance to meet some of the borough's new 250 environmental workers. Some are street-sweeping and landscaping, while others have just been inducted as community wardens. GT spent a morning in Horn Park, off Gavestone Road,

by Pat Greenwood

Eltham, where some of the team were promoting responsible dog-ownership and answering queries about new dog control orders which came into force on November 1. While new Cleansweep recruits helped the teams to deep clean the surrounding streets, new community wardens and police community support officers (PCSOs) toured the area handing out leaflets and distributing pooper-bags. Dog-owner Joyce Moffatt, who has lived in the area for 52 years, met Nicola Simes, an ex-

pupil of Plumstead Manor School, who used to be a bus-driver on the 96, 53 and 122 routes. Nicola had been out-of-work for seven months when she saw the advert in GT for council environmental workers under a new government-backed scheme. She's now a community warden. Joyce, who walks her pets Toby and Robbie three times a day in the park, said: "The council must enforce the law, because some people just don't care! It's scary when you see dogs off the lead on the streets and when they mess our streets. I've been buying the special bags ever since I've had dogs."



LEADING THE WAY: new Cleansweep recruits carry out a deep clean in Eltham

# Taking the lead



**DOGGED DETERMINATION:** Cllr Maureen O'Mara tells residents on the Orchard Estate about the new Dog Control Orders

## Dog control orders are starting to bite

by Pat Greenwood

**RESPONSIBLE dog owners already know the dos and don'ts of pet-ownership in Greenwich.**

Joyce Moffatt, Owen Greene, and Kirby Durant, who GT met in Horn Park, have all been buying pooper-bags ever since they had a four-legged friend.

But Sgt Steven Howes, who heads up the Middle Park and Sutcliffe Safer Neighbourhood team, told GT: "Ahead of the introduction of the new Dog Control orders in Greenwich, we've already given two fines on this estate to people not putting dogs on leads when they were told to do so, and for not being in control of their dog."

"The new orders make it clear when dogs should be on a lead - and, if you are told by either a member of a police team, or someone from the council who carries a warrant card, you must do it. Otherwise, you will be fined."

Sgt Howes and his team are well-known to Horn Park residents. The officers seized four 'Mini Moke' bikes from young riders over the summer and there were also several arrests, several disqualifications, fines and warnings.

The police officer told GT: "The tenants' association raised this as an issue - and we enforced it. As a result, people told us that Harmony Woods off Joan

Crescent and the A20 was the quietest it's been for 25 years this summer."

Newly-recruited community warden Cheriste Tobin, was one of 250 jobless locals taken on through the council's summer recruitment initiative.

As well as 35 wardens who will focus on housing estates, the scheme also includes 17 town centre wardens, and nearly 200 environment workers who are tackling litter and other eyesores around the borough. Cheriste, a former police community support officer, told GT: "When I went to the recruitment day at Eltham Green School, I asked to be a community warden because I used to brief them when I was a PCSO. Since I've been working in Horn Park, I've seen lots of old friends. People are asking us whether we can deal with certain things, and we pass their messages on. Our job is all about getting to know the community from the children to the older people, just getting involved."

## Car swoop

**TWO vehicles were removed from Lakedale Road, Plumstead, following a swoop by Plumstead Safer Neighbourhood Team and trading standards officers. A local resident was also spoken to about a vehicle for sale on Winns Common, and 2,000 leaflets were distributed about the council's Free Take Back scheme.**

## Payback time for minor offenders

COMMUNITY PAYBACK teams knuckled down to some hard graft as part of Not In My Neighbourhood week, writes Rod Kitson. Twelve teams across the borough helped with gardening, painting and clearing subways, alleyways and stairwells. One unit at Rockcliffe Manor primary school, Plumstead, cleared a section of shrubbery for the school's eco-garden. Supervisor Nick Tregidgo told GT: "The team is getting job satisfaction out of it. A lot of them have never done gardening before. It teaches them new skills and hopefully it will help them in the future." Dozens of bags of waste material were cleared and collected, before the ground was turned over and raked flat. "Give the guys their dues, they have achieved a lot," added Nick, who has run schemes for three years.

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# The way we were...

In 1974 an American entrepreneur came to Woolwich to launch the UK side of a popular burger chain. Restaurant manager **Taimoor Sheikh** talks about the celebrations taking place at McDonald's in Powis Street for the 35th anniversary. Send your memories to 'The Way we Were', GT Communications, Woolwich Town Hall, SE18 6PW or email [peter@cfjournals.demon.co.uk](mailto:peter@cfjournals.demon.co.uk)

## Great days under the golden arches

HUNGRY shoppers who pop into McDonald's for a bite to eat on Friday can join in the celebrations for the restaurant's 35th anniversary. The international burger chain is running a national celebration to mark 35 years in the UK and the Woolwich restaurant has a special claim to fame as it was the very first McDonald's in the country. The Powis Street eatery is hosting a celebration day for customers on Friday, November 13. Ronald McDonald himself will be visiting and there'll be balloon modelling and face-painting. Children can enter a colouring competition where entrants can win a Crayola set and there'll be a McDonald's history quiz offering £35 worth of M&S vouchers. Thirty-eight year-old Taimoor Sheikh is the first franchisee for the Woolwich restaurant which had been company owned until he took over the franchise ten months ago. He explained that Ray Kroc, the founder of McDonald's



came to the UK to open the Woolwich restaurant in 1974. "I am extremely proud to be the franchisee for the first McDonald's restaurant to open in the UK. Many things have changed since it first opened, which has enhanced the experience for customers eating here. One of the things that has remained constant is our commitment to the local



35 YEARS AGO: diners sit down to a burger meal at the UK's first McDonald's in Woolwich, left the 1974 menu

community, and I am delighted that I employ 75 people from the local area, including those starting work for the first time," said Taimoor. One of the most popular orders in the restaurant are Happy Meals - "This is testament to the number of families in the local area," he added. As part of the national celebrations, McDonald's are unveiling a new campaign which celebrates its iconic food items and will remind the British public why they love visiting the Golden Arches. The 'Favourites' campaign showcases some of the rituals involved in a trip to restaurants - whether customer habits include



MAD ABOUT McDONALD'S: restaurant owner Taimoor is hosting a celebration party on Friday

removing gherkins from their Big Mac, visiting the Drive-Thru, chatting on their mobile phones whilst they eat in the restaurant or taking their kids to McDonald's for the latest Happy Meal. Customers can also get a glimpse of the past by checking out an original

McDonald's UK menu. "I know that my customers have supported McDonald's in Woolwich for many years, and experience a sense of nostalgia about our brand and feel passionately about our core menu - they may have gone to our restaurants when they were a child and seen the way the brand has evolved over the years," said Taimoor who quickly points to daily regular Damien, who comes in every lunch time to order a Big Mac with no sauce! Customer care manager June Scutts, 67, started at the restaurant a year after it opened and is the longest-serving staff member. "We used to do birthday parties and now I've got the customers whose parties I did coming back with their children. It's nice seeing the people grow up." And she added: "I've build up a lots of friendships over the years and I'm still in contact with the original people," said June who lives in Abbey Wood.





# Mayor grilled by his chain gang

by Pat Greenwood

**GREENWICH** Mayor Allan MacCarthy has hosted his first school visit to the town hall - and his own personal memories came flooding back.

Cllr MacCarthy, who is the son of two journalists, still recalls his mum taking him at the age of eight to a neighbouring mayor's parlour on an assignment - and having the chain of office fitted on him for size!

He welcomed the school council from Linton Mead Primary in Central Way, Thamesmead, to the council chamber and to the mayor's parlour.

The students "took the mic" and asked him questions, and local historian Frances Ward, from nearby Greenwich Heritage Centre on the Royal Arsenal, gave them a little background information about councils.

Habeeb, nine, from Thamesmead, told GT: "I've been here before last year. This time there were bigger biscuits! I like the gold in the council chamber and also the stained glass windows. It is quite impressive."

Sophie, aged seven, was making her first visit.

She said: "I've seen a different Mayor before - on TV. I didn't know what the town hall did before."

Linton Mead's chair of governors, Cllr Peter Kotz, accompanied the pupils. He



**PARLOUR GAMES:** Linton Mead pupils enjoy the informal atmosphere that Mayor of Greenwich Allan MacCarthy has developed in his parlour

**I like the gold in the council chamber and also the stained glass windows**

said: "The school council is very important. Once a year in the summer term we invite them to our governors' meeting to put forward any ideas they have for things they'd like to see in the school."

The Mayor told GT: "I think it's terribly important to get young people involved in local government. They're going to be electors some day."

He added: "This group have been incredibly well-behaved - and the questions they've asked have been more penetrating than some we usually get!"

Teacher Heather Franks, backed by teaching assistants Zoe Allen and Jo Wright, are hoping to take the school council to the London Assembly and to the Houses of Parliament in the near future.

Heather told us: "At the beginning of every school year, our headteacher Linda Bird likes to set a particular theme. This time we're looking at 'Greenwich as our History - and as our Home'."

"It takes in English, Literacy, History, Geography and Citizenship. Later, we'll have a quiz about aspects of today's visit."

## Borough BRIEFS

### Sharp cards

CHRISTMAS cards for good causes will be on sale at St Alfege's Church, Greenwich, from Monday, November 2, 10am-4pm, every day until Saturday, December 19. More than 30 charities receive at least 75p in every £1 from the sales.

### MOBILE NIGHT OF SHOPPING

ON Thursday, December 3, Greenwich Council will be providing special transportation and escorts for people with limited mobility, to bring them to Eltham for late-night shopping. Visitors will be dropped off

in the town centre around 6pm and collected at 8.30pm. Anyone wishing to take part should phone the council's Passenger Services on 020-8921 6883 or 020-8921 6887 by Monday, November 16.

### Music magic

WEST End theatre producer Cameron Mackintosh has donated instruments from shows like Les Miserables, Phantom of the Opera and My Fair Lady to help music-therapy sessions at Demelza Children's hospice in Wensley Close, Eltham.

### FREE WAY TO GET INVOLVED

FREE training is available for young people aged between 16 and 25 who want to become volunteers. Involved Greenwich, the youth-led project, is running courses on subjects as diverse as football coaching, DJ-ing

and becoming a counsellor. It's great way of making new friends and getting involved in your community for the better. The project is based at the Volunteers Centre, Greenwich. Call 020-8853 1331 for more details.



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## Big effort for a little park...

A NEW group is calling on West Greenwich residents to help them improve a little-known park. Last months the Friends of St Alfege Park ran a successful clean-up session, and the group is now looking for volunteers to attend their next event from 9.30am-12.30pm on Saturday, November 14. Volunteers are needed to help cut down overgrown foliage, prune

plants and bushes, and help tidy the area to make it a desirable place for people to spend their leisure time. St Alfege Park is just a few steps from St Alfege Parish Church. Chair Tim Delap said: "Plenty of love and attention is needed to get it into a better condition." Meet at St Alfege Passage or for more information call 020-8691 2065 or email: tim.delap@teslaeurope.com



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## Home &amp; Away

**Beverley Parkinson** left London and is now enjoying life in Greenwich Connecticut. Here she writes about ...

# Hidden gems of Greenwich

WHAT better way to spend a rainy afternoon than wandering around a local museum?

That's exactly what we did the other week as the heavens opened on Greenwich Connecticut. Our local museum is called the Bruce Museum, which is smallish in size but not small on collection. I had no expectations for the collections or for what kind of local museum this would be. Not only was I pleasantly surprised, but I was actually stunned to discover not one, but six original works of art by Pablo Picasso on display! The museum is divided up into various galleries showcasing separate exhibits, some permanent and others temporary. The first room was all about the local and natural history of Greenwich Connecticut. There was a collection of semi-precious stones and crystals, a re-creation of a Native American type of abode and a wildlife scene with stuffed animals and birds of the region including Woodpeckers, Blue Jays, porcupines, raccoons and scarier nocturnal species that roam the area. One of the



**TREASURED:** Beverley appreciates the museums in Greenwich UK and USA

nocturnal animals we learned about from this display was the vicious Fisher Cat, which Clive had seen in our back garden sloping near the fence only weeks earlier! There were also live creatures from the Long Island Sound in a small 'touch pool' for the children to enjoy. There was a visiting exhibition called 'The Mouse House' with art from the Olga Hirshhorn Collection - which is a collection of exceptional art by a woman who was friends with many famous artists

such as Pablo Picasso and Georgia O'Keefe! Amongst her treasures, Olga has an O'Keefe oil on canvas of flowers, small bronze sculptures by Picasso, a signed poster, a wall plate and a ceramic also by Picasso plus an oil painting by Salvador Dali. Wow indeed for an impressive collection of art! We then wandered into another visiting exhibition about Alchemy called 'Magic, Myth or Science?' - alchemy being an ancient belief that it was possible to turn base

metals into gold. The collection described the history and significance of alchemy through artworks and artifacts. Inside the exhibit were some beautiful oil paintings depicting alchemists at work, a video continuously running about glassblowing, interactive stations to explore the chemistry of scent in addition to artifacts such as bowls, scent bottles, pharmaceutical jars and note books. What stuck with me most from this exhibit was a glass case with a skull and an hourglass, which the alchemists used to symbolise how human life is finite - something we should all think about once in a while! On the way out there was a small room with local nature photographs in addition to a wonderful gift shop. The museum also hosts a wide selection of lectures and public programmes for members and non-members alike. It was a very inspirational rainy Sunday afternoon at the Bruce Museum - reminding me of how lucky we are in both Greenwicks to have such wonderful museum collections for us all to view, be educated and enjoy.

# Families for children

Loving homes needed for special youngsters

by Pat Greenwood

**HAVE** you ever considered adopting a child who can't be brought up by their own parents?

Greenwich Council is always looking for families for black and minority ethnic children, older white children, sibling groups and children with special needs. These children - who would usually be aged around four or upwards - may be sad, even traumatised, from the separation from their birth-parents. They may be struggling to overcome earlier neglect or previous hurtful experiences.

There are no blanket bans in adoption - whether you are married, single, heterosexual, gay or lesbian you have to be

over 21 and prepared to look into becoming 'Family' in every sense of the word for one of this borough's children who needs adoptive families.

This week is National Adoption Week and there will be plenty of publicity on television and radio, in the newspapers and on posters which may set you thinking. GT has been talking to highly-trained social workers at Greenwich Council, experienced in all the 'ins and outs' of this ultra-sensitive process.

Once you've read this, if you want to start to find out more, please ring 020-8921 2752 any Tuesday or Thursday between 9am and 5.30pm.

The majority of people who start looking into adoption do it because they can't have

children of their own. That means life's been quite challenging for you too. On the other hand, you may have children of your own but wish to expand your family by adopting.

In this borough, about 25 new families - of any age and of any status, background and nationality - get through the process every year.

When you ring up, expect to be on the phone for quite a while.

You'll have questions. They'll have questions. Their questions will get more intensive and more intrusive as you go through the process.

Is any relationship you've got a sound one and are the people around you supportive? COULD you afford to take on a child for life? ARE you

physically and mentally healthy enough to cope?

Summing up, a Greenwich social worker told us: "It's important to remember we are here to find families for children - NOT children for families."

It's worth knowing before you start that Greenwich Council's 'adoption team' of social workers is rated highly across the country.

● GET general information from the British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) at 6 - 10 Kirby Street, London, EC1N 8TS, telephone 020-7593 2000. There are also Greenwich Council leaflets and website: [www.greenwich.gov.uk/adopt](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/adopt) on, as well as general-interest reference books about adoption in local libraries.

## Local MPs, MEPs & Greater London Authority members

### GREENWICH AND WOOLWICH

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Please call 020-7219 5895 or email [raynsfordn@parliament.uk](mailto:raynsfordn@parliament.uk) to register for a surgery or write to Nick Raynsford MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

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3rd Tues: Middle Park Community Centre, 150 Middle Park Avenue, 11am-12.30pm  
3rd Fri: Coldharbour Library, William Barefoot Drive, 11am.  
4th Sat: Shrewsbury House, 10am, Bushmoor Crescent

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Len Duvall (Lab) is the GLA member for Greenwich and Lewisham. Please write to Len Duvall, GLA, City Hall, Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA; phone 020-7983 4408/4517; or email [len.duvall@london.gov.uk](mailto:len.duvall@london.gov.uk)

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).

Nov 12 - Licensing sub committee B, 6.30pm.  
Overview and Scrutiny, 7pm.  
Nov 16 - Licensing sub committee A, 10am.  
Nov 17 - Cabinet, 7pm.  
Nov 18 - Social Inclusion Scrutiny Panel, 7pm.  
Nov 19 - Mental Health Board, call Celine Corbin for venue details and time on 020 8921 2491.  
Probity & Conduct, 6pm

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Blair congratulates  
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team

# League leaders

## Over 55s scoop London sports challenge

**AMATEUR sportsmen and women from Greenwich came top of the league in a mini Olympics for the over 55s.**

The Greenwich Club Wellness Team were victorious for the fourth year at the GLL Club Wellness Games beating more than 13 teams from other boroughs in and around London.

Teams from Merton, Tower Hamlets, Newham, Lambeth, and Sutton entered the games organised by GLL which runs leisure centres.

The teams took part in a variety of sports and activities from dominoes to swimming at Brixton recreation Centre

on October 16. And this year they also took part in indoor bowls and timed bike rides for the first time in the annual event.

The 50-strong Greenwich team were crowned champions once again, with Sutton coming second and Epsom a valiant third.

Greenwich's team members finished first in the Badminton and the Long Mat Bowls, with the results contributing to their overall victory.

Val Oliver, Club Wellness Co-ordinator for Greenwich said the team's success was mainly due to locals' commitment to participating in the keep fit and activity

sessions run by GLL at Greenwich leisure centres.

She said: "The Club Wellness Games gets better every year. There are more boroughs, more people and more activities, which makes it more competitive and therefore more enjoyable."

Greenwich Mayor Allan MacCarthy, who attended the games said: "I was delighted to be in attendance to witness our Over 55s emerge as the victors. I was extremely impressed with the performance of all involved and events like these allow our older generation to prove that they can be equally as competitive as their younger

counterparts. Congratulations to everyone who took part and I look forward to next year."

Show business icon Lionel Blair presented the Greenwich team with their fourth Club Wellness Championship trophy. Badminton player Carolyn Tucker, 61, a retired civil servant, said: "It was a great day! There were a lot of staff on hand who were very helpful... and with so many people around it made it a vibrant event with a holiday atmosphere."

• Further information about Club Wellness sessions from your local leisure centre or email [val.oliver@gll.org](mailto:val.oliver@gll.org) or [anthony.marien@gll.org](mailto:anthony.marien@gll.org)

## Six tourism awards for Greenwich

**GREENWICH** scooped a hatrick of major accolades at a prestigious tourism awards last week.

The borough won three gold awards in the Visit London Awards which recognise excellence in the tourism industry from accommodation to attractions, events and eating out. Greenwich also clinched two silver and a bronze award at the November 5 event.

Visit London aims to promote the capital to leisure and business visitors.

The winning attractions and events were:

- Greenwich and Docklands International Festival
- Gold - Consumer Event of the Year
- Silver - Accessible Tourism Award
- National Maritime Museum / Royal Observatory

- Gold - Best Tourism Experience (for the Year of Astronomy 2009)

- Gold - Visitor Attraction of the Year
- Bronze - Outstanding Customer Service Award (for Nicholas Babbs)

- AEG Live

- Silver - Consumer Event of the Year (for Winter Wonderland).

Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for culture and Olympics, said: "These awards celebrate the best of the tourism industry across the capital and we are very pleased to have been recognised in so many award categories."

"Tourism is a hugely important part of Greenwich's economy and I would like to thank and congratulate all the local organisations who work in partnership to promote Greenwich as a visitor destination."

## Bring some Christmas cheer to a special family

**RETAILERS** will be presenting a basket full of gifts to a Greenwich family as part of their festive offers for local shoppers.

Twelve shops at Greenwich Shopping Park have teamed up to create a hamper full of special gifts with something to suit all the family.

Now the shopping park off Bugsby's Way in Charlton want to find the borough's Family of the Year, and help give one deserving family a stress-free Christmas.

Shopping Park spokesperson Sian Nicholls, said: "Christmas can be a tough time of year for many, so we're looking for a family in need of a little festive cheer and goodwill. Offering

a hamper full of gifts for the whole family from stores at Greenwich Shopping Park will hopefully make this Christmas stress-free for a family who truly deserves it."

To nominate a Family of the Year, simply send an email or letter explaining in no more than 300 words why this family should win.

Entries can be emailed to [info@greenwichshoppingpark.co.uk](mailto:info@greenwichshoppingpark.co.uk) or write to Family of the Year, Equinox PR, 9 Cwrt-y-Parc, Earlswood Road, Llanishen, Cardiff, CF14 5GH by Tuesday, December 1.

The winning family will be announced on Tuesday, December 15.

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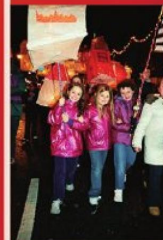
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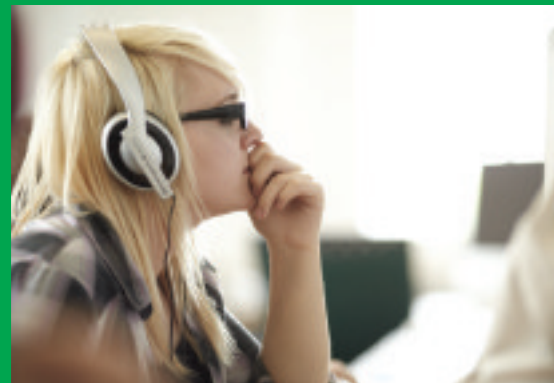


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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SWINE FLU VACCINATION**

The UK departments of health have launched the swine flu vaccination programme.

The vaccine is being offered to people who are most likely to become seriously ill if they catch swine flu. These priority groups are made up of adults and children over six months of age who:

- **Have a serious health condition such as chronic lung, heart, kidney, liver or neurological disease, or diabetes mellitus**
- **Are pregnant**
- **Have an immune system that is compromised because of a disease or treatment for a disease**
- **Live in the same house as someone whose immune system is compromised because of a disease or treatment for a disease**

If you are in one of these priority groups you may be invited to go to a vaccination clinic or to make an appointment at your surgery. Not everyone in the country will get their vaccine at exactly the same time, so don't worry if you are not contacted straightaway.

If you are not in any of the priority groups listed you may be offered the vaccine at a later stage – but for now, the priority is to vaccinate those who are most at risk.

For more information, please go to [www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu](http://www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu) or contact the Swine Flu Information Line on **0800 1 513 513**.

**Flu.  
Protect yourself and others.**

Calls to this number are free from UK land lines and mobiles.



A MAJOR part of many Woolwich residents' lives is about to bite the dust. Historic St Mary Magdalene in early 2011. Last Thursday, November 5, the current 236-strong pupils and the staff re-started after before that, there were a couple of reunion parties to say a fond farewell to 132 years of memories in the

# 'A unique and



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CE School in Kingsman Street is poised to be demolished - to come back on the same site, twice its size, for half-term in temporary accommodation on the Shooters Hill Post 16 campus at Red Lion Lane. But, the hallowed building which started life in 1877. **PAT GREENWOOD** mingled with some of the guests...

# lovely school'

## 'There was never a day that I didn't want to come to this school'

**C**HAIR of governors The Rev Grahame Stephens, now honorary curate at next-door St Mary's church, Greenlaw Street, told GT: "This is a unique and lovely school. We have to turn away two-thirds of the people who want to send their children here. The 'Christian influence' percolates all through, and it's a real privilege to be a part of this place."

Grahame added: "When this comes back, it will be one of the finest schools in this country. We're building it as 'green' as we can, so our children will grow up in a good environment."

The primary school with the distinctive curved-top roof-embellishments - a distinctive feature on the school-badge - was enlarged both in 1888 and in 1898. It is still too small for the 21st century. It's had a nursery since 1988 which has made space still more tight.

So Southwark Diocese and Greenwich Council have got together to produce plans for a brand new building on the same site, designed to take two-form entry instead of single-form as at present.

Free buses are being laid on to help students get to and from the old school site every day to their temporary buildings.

Headteacher Claire Veal, currently on maternity leave, came back for the farewell party with daughter Henrietta, now aged 3 months.

Claire, who started teaching at the school 10 years ago, got the top job in April, 2004. She told us: "This place has had a major impact on my life because it's formed a huge part of my career - and I have the best job in the world because I work with such lovely staff, families and



**THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES:** former pupils and staff came flooding back to say goodbye

children."

Claire's favourite part of the old buildings is a special part of the brickwork. "If you look really carefully, you can see Victorian pencil carvings on it where the pupils used to sharpen their leads. I'm hoping we'll be able to salvage some of them."

Joan Jackaman, now aged 80, has lived in the area all her life. She was a pupil at a neighbouring school opposite Woolwich Dockyard. "But I came over here for mornings during the Second World War. I was aged about 10. I had such a happy time in this place. There was never a day that I woke up and didn't want to come to this school."

Joan's three children came to St Mary Magdalene, and one of her



seven grandchildren is a pupil now.

Former classroom helper Marie Hughes originally came in to make the staff coffee at playtimes back in 1972.

Both her twin boys and her other son have been pupils. "My son, Andrew, now living in Kent, used to call me 'Mrs Hughes' just like the rest of the pupils!" she told GT.

Although Marie was brought up in Charlton, her husband, now aged 80, is a former pupil of the school, along with his older brother and two sisters.

Former St Mary Magdalene teacher Patricia Carpenter, who was at the school from 1971 until 1997, travelled from Bristol with her husband, Chris.

Patricia, who has recently retired from the profession, told GT: "I taught in every

classroom here, and I've had a final walk around each one of them this evening."

Sandra Bellamy has been working at the school for the past 35 years, starting as a meals supervisor, and now she's senior admin officer.

She said: "I'll miss the old office here. It's the hub of the building, everyone comes in to chat."

Sandra thanked GT for featuring a story in advance of the reunion parties. "Lots of people rang up as a result of the article," she said.

One of those was Steve Saggars, now a decorator and living near Dartford, Kent, who left the primary school back in 1962. "It's the first time I've been back for 47 years!" he told us. He had a walk round with Dave Risby, now a college technician from Kent, who left in 1964.

More recent pupils who came back for the last time included Paul Fagbua, now living in Eltham, who came back to do some work experience a couple of years ago; Robert Larbi, now in the 6th form at Crown Woods School, Eltham; and Winnie Motoko who left in 2003. Winnie said: "This is a sad day because the old building won't be here to bring our own kids back to."

● **DO you want to contribute towards the cost of a time-capsule to include somewhere in the new school? They're going to need around £450. Please send donations to "St Mary Magdalene School Fund", c/o St Mary Magdalene Primary School, the Post-16 campus, Red Lion Lane, London, SE 18. They've kept their old school phone number - 020-8854 3531.**



**ENCHANTED EVENING:** Sandra Bellamy, left in striped top, the school's senior admin officer, is collecting cash for a time capsule.



# GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 160

## How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

**For properties advertised for band A and band B** - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.

**For properties advertised for band C applicants** - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

### Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

## How do I apply?

### 1 Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

### 2 Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

### 3 Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

### 4 Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 18 November 2009 at midday** and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 15 November 2009**.

## 24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes  
(Choice Based Lettings) Telephone  
Bidding Line is available in:  
English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au  
choix ») Ligne téléphonique de  
demande disponible en français  
en composant le :  
French 020 8921 4330

Có sẵn Đường dây Đầu giá Điện  
thoại Greenwich Homes (Tài sản  
Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:  
Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

Guryaha Xaafadda Greenwich  
(Guri-ljaar Ku-saleysan kala-  
doorashao) Khadka Ku-tartanka  
waxaa laga helaa:  
Somali 020 8921 4345

Greenwich Konutları (Tercihle Dayalı  
Kiralık Konut) Telefon ile Teklif Verme  
Hatı Türkçe de aranabiliyor:  
Turkish 020 8921 4347

格林威治家居 (揀選租屋計劃) 開通電  
話競投專線:

Cantonese 020 8921 4370

கீரீன்விச் இல்லங்கள் (தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட  
வாடகை வீடுகள்) ஏலப் பிரிவு தொலைபே  
இங்கு கிடைக்கும்:

Tamil 020 8921 4300

[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)



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Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Ref Number: 71899  
**Webb Court**  
**Attlee Road SE28**  
1 Bed 5th Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
No Pkg Rad C/H.  
**£79.78 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 80877  
**Whinchat Road SE28**  
1 Bed 4th Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. No Dogs  
**£84.19 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 93428  
**Octavia Way SE28**  
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. No Dogs.  
**£72.87 pw.** Band C  
Over 40s



Ref Number: 94835  
**Glyndon Road SE18**  
1 Bed 4th Floor Flat  
Lifted. No Dogs  
Rad C/H. No Pkg  
**£69.18 pw.** Band C



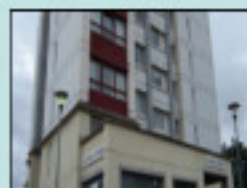
Ref Number: 95348  
**Villas Road SE18**  
1 Bed 6th Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
No Pkg. Rad C/H.  
**£68.63 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 95771  
**Eynsham Drive SE2**  
2 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Garden. No Pkg  
Rad C/H. Min. 1 Child  
Any Age  
**£77.13 pw.** Band C.



Ref Number: 95851  
**Sewell Road SE2**  
3 Bed 2nd Floor Mals.  
Unlifted. No Pkg. Gas  
Fire & Rad C/H. Min. 2  
Child any Age  
**£86.72 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 95952  
**Claymill House**  
**Raglan Road SE18**  
2 Bed 4th Floor Flat  
Lifted. Ent phone No pkg.  
Stge Htrs. Min. 1 Child  
**£87.37 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 96131  
**Littlemore Road SE2**  
2 Bed House Garden  
Rad C/H. Min 1 Child  
under 16  
**£89.31 pw.** Band C.



Ref Number: 96823  
**Linsted Court**  
**Restons Cres SE9**  
2 Bed 4th Floor Flat  
Lifted. Ent phne. 1 Rad.  
Min. 1 Child any age  
**£79.38 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 96872  
**Rosedale Close SE2**  
3 Bed 1st Floor Mals.  
Unlifted. No Pkg.  
Entry phone .Rad C/H.  
Min. 2 Child Any Age  
**£87.08 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 96892  
**Combwell Cres SE2**  
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. Min. 1 Child  
Any Age  
**£77.13 pw.** Band C.



Ref Number: 96895  
**Coupland Place SE18**  
4 Bed House Garden  
No Pkg. Rad C/H  
Min. 4 Child, 1 under 16  
**£99.96 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 96898  
**Felixstowe Road SE2**  
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Entry phone  
Gas Fire & Rad C/H  
Min. 1 Child Any Age  
**£77.13 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 97205  
**Branham House**  
**Boyard Road SE18**  
2 Bed 1st Floor Mals.  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. Min 1 Child  
**£79.18 pw.** Band C.



Ref Number: 97457  
**Polthorne Grve SE18**  
Bedsit 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Comm. Gas  
Htg  
**£71.03 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 97737  
**Eynsham Drive SE2**  
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. Min 1 Child  
Any Age  
**£77.13 pw.** Band C.



Ref Number: 97775  
**Rixon House**  
**Barnfield Road SE18**  
3 Bed 3rd Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. Min. 2 Child  
**£88.49 pw.** Band C.



Ref Number: 97795  
**Hastings House**  
**Mulgrave Road SE18**  
1 Bed 17th Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H.  
**£79.02 pw.** Band C.



Ref Number: 97842  
**Nightingale Heights**  
**N'tingale Vale SE18**  
1 Bed 15th Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Comm. Gas Htg  
**£80.71 pw.** Band C



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Anyone on the housing list can apply for these



Ref Number: 98175  
**Denmark House**  
**Maryon Road SE7**  
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Stge Htrs Min. 1 Child  
**£87.88 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 98180  
**Crescent House**  
**Bliss Crescent SE13**  
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. Min. 1 Child  
**£86.05 pw.** Band C.



Ref Number: 98267  
**Gatling Road SE2**  
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Rad C/H.  
**£85.83 pw.** Band C.  
Pref. to Over 40s



Ref Number: 98268  
**St Claire Villas**  
**Bramhope Lane SE7**  
3 Bed House Garden  
Rad C/H. No Dogs.  
Min. 1 Child under 16  
**£100.03 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 98433  
**Clothworkers Rd SE18**  
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Entry phone.  
Elec Rads.  
No Dogs or Cats  
**£ 87.17 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 98435  
**Elmley Street SE18**  
1 Bed 14th Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone. Rad  
C/H. Tenants Mgmt.  
Comm  
**£78.76 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 98545  
**Blaker Court**  
**Fairlawn SE7**  
3 Bed 3rd Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. No Dogs.  
**£87.62 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 98564  
**Passfield Path**  
**Thamesmead SE28**  
3 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Garden. Rad C/H.  
**£87.75 pw.** Band C



Ref Number: 98684  
**Harold Wilson House**  
**Arnott Close SE28**  
1 Bed 4th Floor Flat  
Lifted. Ent phne No  
dogs. Rad C/H.  
**£81.92 pw.** Band C.  
Over 40s



Ref Number: 93720  
**Spearman St SE18**  
2 Bed Grnd Floor Mals.  
Entry phone. Rad C/H  
No Pkg. Min 1 Child  
**£81.85 pw.** Band C

Only priority applicants can apply



Ref Number: 90676  
**Middle Park Ave SE9**  
3 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Garden. Unlifted.  
Rad C/H.  
**£88.67 pw.** Bands A&B



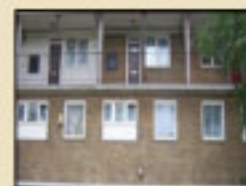
Ref Number: 91744  
**Antelope Road SE18**  
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H.  
**£84.54 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 94725  
**Basket Gardens SE9**  
2 Bed Parl. House  
Garden. Rad C/H  
**£100.51 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 96485  
**Earl Rise SE18**  
2 Bed Grnd Floor Mals.  
Garden. No Pkg.  
Rad C/H. Entry phone.  
**£79.99 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 96866  
**Godstow Road SE2**  
3 Bed Grnd Floor Mals.  
Garden. No Pkg  
Gas fire & Rad C/H  
**£86.83 pw.** Bands A&B

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Ref Number: 96880  
**Sidcup Road SE9**  
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H.  
**£78.14 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 96888  
**Frances Street SE18**  
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted. No Pkg  
Entry phone. Rad C/H  
**£71.77 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 96890  
**Linsted Court**  
**Restons Cres SE9**  
2 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Entry phone. Rad C/H  
**£79.36 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 96999  
**Plumstead Rd SE18**  
3 Bed 2nd Floor Mals.  
Unlifted. No Pkg.  
Entry phone. Rad C/H  
**£84.99 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 97105  
**Mulberry Close**  
**Charlton Pk Rd SE7**  
2 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Entry phone. Rad C/H  
**£85.16 pw.** Bands A&B



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Only priority applicants can apply

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Ref Number: 97125  
**Witherston Way SE9**  
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Garden. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. Combi Boiler  
& 1 Rad.  
**£77.61 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 97245  
**Prentiss Court Charlton SE7**  
3 Bed Parl. House  
Garden. Rad C/H.  
**£106.94 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 97306  
**Sovereign House Europe Road SE18**  
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Comm. Gas Htg  
**£92.81 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 97472  
**Lindsay House Kingsman St SE18**  
2 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Entry phone. Rad C/H  
**£79.48 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 97631  
**Marshbrook Clo SE3**  
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Entry phone. Comm.  
Gas Htg  
**£83.98 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 97740  
**Gavestone Road Lee SE12**  
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Rad C/H.  
**£77.75 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 97742  
**Westcombe Court W'combe Pk Rd SE3**  
1 Bed 6th Floor Flat  
Lifted. Rad C/H  
**£81.84 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 97883  
**Llanover Road SE18**  
2 Bed 2nd Floor Mals.  
Unlifted. No Pkg.  
Entry phone. Rad C/H.  
**£81.34 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98168  
**Nightingale Vale SE18**  
4 Bed Town House  
Garden Rad C/H.  
**£103.52 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98179  
**Belson Road SE18**  
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H.  
**£71.77 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98264  
**Nicholas Stacey Hse Frank Burton Clo SE7**  
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Ent phne. No dogs. 1 Pkg. Rad C/H.  
**£100.72 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98345  
**Paddle Steamer Hse Pettacre Close SE28**  
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Ent phne 1 Pkg. Rad C/H. No dogs/cats.  
**£106.65 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98365  
**Bostall Hill Abbeywood SE2**  
3 Bed House Garden  
Rad C/H.  
**£133.09 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98368  
**Delafield Road SE7**  
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Garden. Rad C/H  
**£80.39 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98387  
**Bellot Street SE10**  
3 Bed House Garden  
Rad C/H.  
**£120.52 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98388  
**Moira Road SE9**  
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Rad C/H  
No Dogs & Cats  
**£95.76 pw.** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98704  
**Plumstead High Street SE18**  
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Rad C/H  
No Dogs.  
**£88.56 pw** Bands A&B

Only applicants aged 50+ can apply



Ref Number: 92556  
**Barney Close SE7**  
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Garden. Entry phone.  
Comm. Gas Htg  
No Pkg. L/Acc. Shower  
**£87.79 pw** Band C.

Please note you will not be able to bid without a reference number.  
**It is very important that you keep this safe.**



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## GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

## Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55 years with a support need.



**Our current vacancies include:** (several are ready to let)

**One Person Properties**

**Beacham Close**, Charlton, SE7  
**Bill Walden House**, Woolwich, SE18 Gnd Floor, Studio flat.  
**Defiance Walk**, Woolwich Dockyard SE18. 1st Fl Studio flat.  
**Greenlawns**, Woolwich, SE18. 2nd Floor Studio Flat  
**Cooper Court**, Herbert Rd SE18. 2nd floor Studio Flat.  
**Fred Styles House**, Charlton SE7. 3rd Floor Studio Flat  
**Haven Lodge**, Woolwich SE18. 1st floor Studio Flat  
**Len Clifton House**, Woolwich SE18. Ground Fl Studio flat  
**40 Littleheath**, Charlton SE7. 2nd floor Studio flat  
**Sarah Turnbull House**, Woolwich SE18. 1st floor Studio flat.  
**174 Swingate Lane**, Plumstead Common SE18. 3rd Fl Studio  
**Wentworth Hse**, Blackheath Standard SE3. 3rd Floor Studio

**One Bedroom, Two Person Properties**

**Defiance Walk**, Woolwich, SE18, Ground floor flat.  
**Strand Court**, Plumstead, SE18, 3rd floor flat.  
**Hider Court**, Blackheath, SE3, 3rd floor flat.  
**Sam Manners**, Greenwich, SE10, 2nd floor flat.

*All the above properties are lifted unless stated.*

If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring  
**020 8921 2804**, all applications are subject to a  
 Sheltered Housing Assessment

## This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 157

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Hazlitt Court Byron Close SE28 8AE	2	MAISONETTE		No Eligible Bids	
Simmel Road SE12 9BE	1	FLAT	289	03/05/2001	C
Clothworkers Road SE18 2PD	2	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	
Wardell House Welland Street SE10 9DN	1	FLAT	47	17/01/2000	A
Barney Close SE7 8ST	1	FLAT		Withdrawn	
Sherfield House Portway Gardens SE18 4PG	1	FLAT	187	07/03/2006	C
Samuel Street SE18 5LF	3	HOUSE	286	22/10/2001	C
Beaconsfield Road SE3 7NA	2	FLAT	24	22/05/2009	B
Tellson Avenue SE18 4PD	3	HOUSE	36	24/10/2008	B
Farmdale Road SE10 0LS	3	HOUSE	56	22/05/2006	B
Vicarage Park SE18 7SU	4	HOUSE	41	17/05/2002	A
Charlton Dene SE7 7BU	3	HOUSE		Awaiting Alloc	
Granite Street SE18 1LR	3	MAISONETTE	118	21/05/2004	C
Aylmer House Eastney Street SE10 9NU	3	FLAT	3	11/08/1997	A
Galloson Road SE18 1QY	1	FLAT	251	22/02/2006	C
Chalcombe Road SE2 9QT	1	FLAT	181	28/04/2004	C
Pound Park Road SE7 8AF	3	HOUSE	66	16/12/2002	A
Crystal House Spinal Close SE18 1LJ	2	FLAT	135	17/04/2007	C
Wythens Walk SE9 2SQ	2	FLAT	21	03/08/2009	B
Bingham Point Wilmount Street SE18 6RJ	2	FLAT	131	08/03/2006	C
Westmount Road SE9 1JD	1	FLAT	47	11/12/1995	A
Pynham Close SE2 9QN	2	FLAT	12	22/02/2006	B
Kimber House Barnfield Road SE18 3TU	4	FLAT	66	09/03/2006	C
John Wilson Street SE18 6QJ	1	FLAT	176	10/07/2006	C
Resolution Walk SE18 5QH	3	HOUSE	40	18/04/2008	B
Kingsman Street SE18 5PS	1	FLAT	215	24/03/2006	C
Samuel Street SE18 5LE	2	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	
Lansbury Court Saunders Way SE28 8DY	1	FLAT	112	27/07/2006	C
Raymond Postgate Court Tewney Road SE28 8BS	1	FLAT	90	02/11/2006	C
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# SCENE

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# All that's jazz

A festival of jazz music kicks off this Friday and promises to bring all the best local talent together over 25 events and ten days



JAZZ music isn't just for old blokes with funny shaped beards and berets

perched atop their pony-tailed bonces.

In *Scene's* opinion, 90s comedy staple, *the Fast Show* has a lot to answer for: For three years – and now on Dave – John Thomson's pin-stripe, bowl-haired, cigar-wielding compere funnelled a stereotypical image of the smokey jazz bar down the gullet of popular conscience. The gag-show's Jazz Club sketch remains ever scarred on the brain, and whenever the J-word comes up, there is only one phrase that springs to mind: 'Mmmmm. Nice.' But where TV may have poked fun at the image of the much-revered musical genre, local musicians have kept up with the demand for live jazz, and a festival solely for the musical style runs at various venues across Greenwich from November 13-22. *Scene* met up with three musicians who are to perform at various nights at the festival, and with festival organiser, singer and poet, Louisa Le Marchand. "I've been singing a long time – too long!" Louisa jokes. "It's been about 30 years. I grew up with the blues and got into jazz as I liked the history of it." **Greenwich Jazz** is part of Create, the council's 2012 cultural



programme. The week-long shindig has got many venues involved – in an area that is famous for its love of the music. "A lot of pubs and restaurants have joined us to be part of it, the festival is held over about ten or 15 venues," Louisa adds. "It was councillor John Fahy's idea so credit must go to him too."

And there is one reason Louisa cites as a big draw above all else: "Most of the performances are free – which is a good start! And the quality of the musicians who are performing is absolutely amazing." But what is it about jazz that is so enduring, and what will keep fans interested at Greenwich

Jazz? "I think because jazz is so diverse, there is a whole spectrum of music, so it will be a great thing for people to come and see. There will be something for all tastes," explains the singer. Jazz musicians are renowned for their skill and technical prowess,

which can see them play along with just about any tune. "I do improvise when I sing, but I also play blues harp so I improvise on that. My lyrics I'd describe as poetry – jazz and poetry is a great marriage. On November 20 we've got a jazz and poetry night on at Oliver's, there will be some improv between the musicians and the poets and we've got a rap artist." Indeed, since its inception in New York in the early 80s, hip-hop has taken its cues – and samples – from updating snippets of older records. "Hip-hop is a progression from jazz, absolutely," says the poet and organiser. "A lot of hip-hop artists now are sampling old jazz tunes and putting them in their songs." Jazz is perfect for sampling (lifting short segments to create new tunes) as there are long sections without vocals – some might argue *too* long! "The longest song I was involved in was in an army barracks and the other band didn't turn up, and we played one song that went on for 25 minutes!" Louisa jokes. The festival also ties in with another important event and has got local schools involved. "We've just done a project with some schools in Greenwich that linked in with Black History month as well. The students will be performing as part of the festival on November 20." Trumpet player Claude Deppa adds: "I'm glad to see that politicians are seeing that music plays an important role at school – it gives kids a competitive edge without too much aggression." Jazz music has many guises, and its ever-changing nature means that it is inclusive and its form lends itself to interpretation. "It is migratory music, so no one can say they own it," contests Claude. "It began in America where Western instruments met African rhythms for the first time."

Rod Kitson

The festival starts with a free concert at 7.30pm on November 13 at Charlton House. Full listings at [www.greenwich.gov.uk/jazzfestival](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/jazzfestival) For more info 020 8858 9497 or 07976 941 435

## THE MAESTROS



**CLAUDE DEPPA**  
**INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet  
**PLAYING STYLE:** 'Wild' World Music  
**JAZZ IDOL:** Roy Eldridge, Hugh Masekela  
**SEE HIM AT:** West Greenwich community centre, Nov 14 9pm



**LOUISA LE MARCHAND**  
**INSTRUMENT:** Voice  
**PLAYING STYLE:** Blues Jazz  
**JAZZ IDOL:** Norma Winstone  
**SEE HER AT:** Charlton House, Nov 18 8pm



**KAZ KASOZI**  
**INSTRUMENT:** Piano  
**PLAYING STYLE:** Jazz Fusion/Trad. Jazz  
**JAZZ IDOL:** Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock  
**SEE HIM AT:** Oliver's, Nov 20 8.30pm



**SAMDJENGUE**  
**INSTRUMENT:** Bass  
**PLAYING STYLE:** Jazz Fusion  
**JAZZ IDOL:** Jaco Pastorius  
**SEE HIM AT:** West Greenwich Community Centre, Nov 14 9pm



# T WEEK

## Highlights of the week



**BBC One**  
**Around the World in 80 Days**,  
Tuesday, 10th 9pm

John Barrowman and Mylene Klass take part in the penultimate leg of the journey, racing from Long Beach in California to Memphis, Tennessee.



**BBC Two**  
**Beautiful People**,  
Friday, 13th 10pm

New series. Simon returns to Reading from New York, recalling a school project that led to him unearthing a secret about his parents' marriage.



**ITV1**  
**I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!**,  
Sunday, 15th 9pm

New series. Ant and Dec present the star-studded survival challenge, as more famous faces begin their ordeal in the Australian jungle.

### Tuesday, 10th November

**BBC One**

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Real Rescues. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer. **11.00** To Buy or Not to Buy. **11.30** Car Booty. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Murder, She Wrote. **3.00** BBC News. **3.05** CBeebies. **3.25** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News. **6.30** Regional News. **7.00** The One Show.

**7.30** EastEnders. **8.00** Hobby City. **9.00** Around the World in 80 Days. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Bargain Hunt. **10.35** When a Mother's Love Is Not Enough. **11.25** Film 2009 with Jonathan Ross. **11.55** The Graham Norton Show. **12.45** See Hear. **1.15** Saving Britain's Past. **1.45** Jimmy's Food Factory. **2.15** Natural World. **3.15** BBC News.

### Wednesday, 11th November

**BBC Two**

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.00** Schools. **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** Working Lunch. **1.00** All Saints. **1.45** Open House. **2.15** Crisis Claims and Cons. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Are You an Egghead? **5.15** Escape to the Country. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two.

**7.00** Coast. **8.00** James May's Toy Stories. The presenter sets out to build a full-size bridge out of Meccano. **9.00** Horizon. The mysteries surrounding the human ability to speak. **10.00** Later Live - with Jools Holland. **10.30** Newsnight. **11.20** Ray Mears' Northern Wilderness. **12.20** BBC News. **3.15** Close. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.00** **FILM:** Foreign Correspondent (1940) Alfred Hitchcock spy thriller, starring Joel McCrea. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Working Lunch. **2.00** Daily Politics. **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Are You an Egghead? **5.15** Escape to the Country. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two.

**7.00** Passing of a Generation Highlights. The memorial service from Westminster Abbey. **8.00** Natural World. **9.00** Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain. **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. **10.30** Newsnight. **11.20** Amistice. The politics of the 1918 peace treaty. **12.50** An Island Parish. **1.20** BBC News. **3.20** Close. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

### Thursday, 12th November

**ITV1**

**6.00** GMTV. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** London News. **2.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **4.00** Midsummer Murders. **5.00** Golden Balls. **6.00** London Tonight. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Grimefighters. Extreme cleaners tackle a drug den.

**8.00** John Sergeant on the Tourist Trail. New series. The journalist explores Britain through the eyes of the tourist. **9.00** Collision. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** London News. **10.35** Fiddles, Cheats & Scams. **11.35** In Plain Sight. **12.30** Nightwatch with Steve Scott: Mystery. **1.25** Loose Women. **2.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **3.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

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**9.00** Collision. Danny Rampton makes contact with his brother. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** London News. **10.35** In the Line of Fire. **11.35** Nightwatch with Steve Scott: Action Stations. **12.30** Nightwatch with Steve Scott: Crime. **1.25** Loose Women. **2.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **3.10** Kym Marsh - Born Too Soon: Tonight. **3.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

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**Channel 4**

**6.00** The Treacle People. **6.10** Sali Mali. **6.15** The Hoobs. **6.40** Planet Cook. **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. **8.00** Frasier. **9.00** Will & Grace. **9.30** World of Difference. **10.00** Tricky Business Two. **10.30** Vocation, Vocation. **11.00** Take Away My Takeaway. **11.35** Parents & Teens: Welcome to My World. **12.00** News at Noon. **12.30** 3 Minute Wonder. **12.35** Back to You. **1.00** **FILM:** K-19: The Widowmaker (2002). **3.25** Countdown.

**4.10** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** The Paul O'Grady Show. **6.00** The Simpsons. **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 3 Minute Wonder. **8.00** How to Look Good Naked. **9.00** Gordon Ramsay's F Word. **10.00** **FILM:** The Wedding Date (2005). **11.40** 4Music Favourites: Snow Patrol. **12.10** Late Night Poker. **1.15** World Superbikes. **2.15** World Sport. **2.40** Cardiff Half Marathon. **3.05** Freeports on 4. **4.00** Channel 4 Education.

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**Five**

**6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **10.45** Trisha Goddard. **11.45** I Know What You Ate Last Summer. **12.40** Five News. **12.50** Floyd Around the Med. **1.15** Cooking the Books. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** Home and Away. **2.50** Property List: Top Spots. **3.00** Zoo Days. **3.10** And Never Let Her Go. **5.00** Five News. **5.30** Neighbours. **6.00** Home and Away.

**6.25** Live from Studio Five. **7.30** Monkey Life. **8.00** Sea Patrol UK. **9.00** CSI: Miami. Ryan tries to cover up a murder for the Russian mob. **10.00** CSI: NY. **11.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **12.00** The FBI Files. **12.55** SuperCasino. **3.00** ITU Triathlon. **3.55** US PGA Golf. **4.45** Boxing Classic. **5.10** Neighbours. **5.35** Home and Away.

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**6.00** Home and Away. **6.25** Live from Studio Five. **7.30** Building the Ultimate. Suspension bridges. **8.00** Time Bomb Tunnel: Megastarships. **9.00** **FILM:** Lethal Weapon 4 (1998) Action adventure, starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. **11.30** The Sexy Ads Show. **12.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** NFL Replay. **4.45** HouseBusters. **5.10** Neighbours. **5.35** Home and Away.

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**Channel 4****River Cottage,**  
Thursday, 12th 8pm

New series. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall returns with a celebration of autumn and winter food. He receives advice on making pear cider and takes to the open sea to find scallops.

**Five****Britain's Best Brain,**  
Wednesday, 11th 8pm

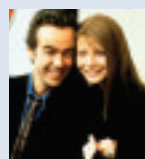
Theakston present the game show in which contestants have their memory, coordination, calculation, recognition and risk-taking skills tested.

**Film of the Week****Spider-Man 2,**  
Sunday, 15th 4.20pm

The superhero is tempted to give up fighting crime — but first must face a deadly new foe. Comic-book adventure, with Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst.

**Digital & Cable****Tuesday****What Women Want,**  
ITV2, 9pm

A freak accident gives a womanising executive the ability to hear the thoughts of the opposite sex. Embittered after losing out on promotion to a female colleague, he uses his new-found talent to exact revenge. Romantic comedy, starring Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt.

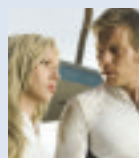
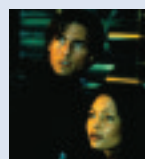
**Wednesday****Sliding Doors,**

E4, 9pm

A London woman's entire life hinges on whether or not she catches a train. In one version of events, she gets the chance to start afresh and lead a happy new life, but in another, she is stuck supporting her lazy, unfaithful boyfriend. Comedy drama, starring Gwyneth Paltrow.

**Thursday****The Island,**  
ITV2, 10pm

The naive survivors of an apparent ecological disaster work, rest and play inside their protected community in the year 2019, each hoping to win a ticket to an idyllic island in a regular lottery draw. Sci-fi thriller, starring Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson, Sean Bean and Steve Buscemi.

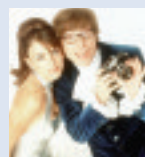
**Friday****Mission: Impossible 2,**

Sky1, 9pm

Secret agent Ethan Hunt is sent to find and destroy the only sample of a deadly man-made virus. However, he faces tough opposition in a former spy-turned-criminal mastermind who has already acquired the cure and now wants the pathogen itself. Action thriller sequel, starring Tom Cruise.

**Saturday****Twilight,**

Sky Movies Premiere, 8pm  
Premiere. Bella moves to a small town to live with her father and embarks on a romance with a vampire. When a host of blood-suckers arrives in town, they are unimpressed that Edward is involved with a human, and Bella's life is placed in serious jeopardy. Fantasy romance, starring Kristen Stewart.

**Sunday****Austin Powers: International****Man of Mystery,**

E4, 10pm

A sex-mad Sixties secret agent is revived in the 1990s to again do battle with his arch-enemy. Spy spoof, starring Mike Myers, Elizabeth Hurley, Mimi Rogers, Michael York and Robert Wagner.

**Monday****The Sixth Sense,**  
ITV2, 11pm

A child psychologist, disheartened after the suicide of a former patient, takes on the case of a terrified boy haunted by ghostly apparitions, and tries to help him discover what the spirits want from him. Supernatural thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment.



Saturday, 14th November	Sunday, 15th November	Monday, 16th November
<b>6.00</b> Breakfast. <b>10.00</b> Animal Park. <b>10.45</b> The Lord Mayor's Show. <b>12.00</b> BBC News and Weather. <b>12.30</b> Football Focus. <b>1.10</b> MotoGP. <b>2.00</b> Live International Rugby Union. Scotland v Fiji (Kick-off 2.30pm). <b>4.40</b> My Family. <b>5.10</b> BBC News and Weather. <b>5.35</b> Hole in the Wall. <b>6.05</b> Merlin. <b>6.50</b> Strictly Come Dancing. <b>8.30</b> The National Lottery Draws.	<b>6.00</b> Breakfast. <b>9.00</b> The Andrew Marr Show. <b>10.00</b> The Big Questions. <b>11.00</b> Country Tracks. <b>12.00</b> The Politics Show. <b>1.00</b> Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. <b>10.45</b> BBC News; Weather. <b>11.05</b> The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights of today's matches. <b>12.05</b> Friday Night with Jonathan Ross. <b>1.10</b> Around the World in 80 Days. <b>3.10</b> Lost Land of the Volcano. <b>4.10</b> BBC News.	<b>6.00</b> Breakfast. <b>9.15</b> Real Rescues. <b>10.00</b> Homes Under the Hammer. <b>11.00</b> To Buy or Not to Buy. <b>11.30</b> Car Booty. <b>12.15</b> Bargain Hunt. <b>1.00</b> BBC News; Weather. <b>1.30</b> Regional News. <b>1.45</b> Doctors. <b>2.15</b> Murder, She Wrote. <b>3.00</b> BBC News. <b>3.05</b> CBeebies. <b>3.30</b> CBBC. <b>5.15</b> Weekend Link. <b>6.00</b> BBC News.
<b>6.00</b> CBeebies. <b>7.00</b> CBBC. <b>12.00</b> The Cut. <b>12.25</b> The Season. <b>12.55</b> The 5-19 Show. <b>1.10</b> Chartjackers. <b>1.15</b> Kyle XY. <b>2.00</b> Revealed. <b>2.15</b> The Unsellables. <b>2.45</b> <b>FILM:</b> Without a Clue (1988) Detective comedy, starring Michael Caine and Ben Kingsley. <b>4.30</b> The Lost Prince. <b>6.00</b> Autumnwatch 2009. <b>7.00</b> Porridge.	<b>6.00</b> Berlin. New series. The history of the German capital. <b>8.30</b> What Is Beauty? Exploring beauty in the world of art. <b>9.30</b> Have I Got a Bit More News for You. <b>10.10</b> The Thick of It. <b>10.40</b> Defying Gravity. <b>11.25</b> The Culture Show. <b>12.25</b> <b>FILM:</b> Felicia's Journey (1999) Drama, starring Bob Hoskins. <b>2.15</b> <b>FILM:</b> Tapeheads (1988) Comedy, with Tim Robbins and John Cusack. <b>3.45</b> Close.	<b>6.00</b> CBeebies. <b>7.00</b> CBBC. <b>8.30</b> Ray Meers' Northern Wilderness. <b>9.00</b> Top Gear. <b>10.00</b> Miranda. <b>10.30</b> Never Mind the Buzzcocks. <b>11.00</b> <b>FILM:</b> Hard Candy (2006) Premiere. Thriller, with Patrick Wilson and Ellen Page. <b>12.40</b> <b>FILM:</b> Brute Force (1947) Prison drama, starring Burt Lancaster. <b>2.15</b> BBC News. <b>4.45</b> Close.
<b>6.00</b> GMTV. <b>9.25</b> CITV. <b>10.25</b> The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. <b>11.25</b> <b>FILM:</b> Big Fat Liar (2002) Comedy, starring Frankie Muniz. <b>1.05</b> News; Weather. <b>1.10</b> <b>FILM:</b> Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989) Comedy, starring Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter. <b>2.45</b> JLS Revealed. <b>3.35</b> London Tonight. <b>4.00</b> ITV News; Weather. <b>4.15</b> Live International Football.	<b>6.00</b> GMTV. <b>9.25</b> CITV. <b>10.30</b> Coronation Street. <b>1.10</b> News; Weather. <b>1.15</b> Britain Does the Funniest Things. <b>2.15</b> <b>FILM:</b> Columbo: Murder - A Self Portrait (1989) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. <b>4.15</b> Foyle's War. <b>6.15</b> London Tonight. <b>6.30</b> ITV News; Weather. <b>6.45</b> Harry Hill's TV Burp. <b>7.15</b> All Star Family Fortunes. <b>8.00</b> The X Factor.	<b>6.00</b> GMTV. <b>9.25</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show. <b>10.30</b> This Morning. <b>12.30</b> Loose Women. <b>1.30</b> ITV News; Weather. <b>1.55</b> London News. <b>2.00</b> Dickinson's Real Deal. <b>3.00</b> The Alan Titchmarsh Show. <b>4.00</b> Midsummer Murders. <b>5.00</b> Golden Balls. <b>6.00</b> London Tonight. <b>6.30</b> ITV News; Weather. <b>7.00</b> Emmerdale. <b>7.30</b> Coronation Street. <b>8.00</b> 999 Out of Time: Tonight.
<b>6.10</b> The Hoobs. <b>7.00</b> World Sport. <b>7.30</b> Freesports on 4. <b>8.00</b> The Morning Line. <b>8.55</b> The World's Greatest Pop Star: Robbie Williams. <b>10.00</b> Mariah Carey: T4 Special. <b>10.35</b> Hollyoaks Music Show. <b>11.10</b> P Diddy's Stormmaker. <b>12.10</b> Scrubs. <b>12.40</b> Freesports on 4 Freeze. <b>1.45</b> Channel 4 Racing from Cheltenham and Wetherby. <b>4.00</b> My First Year. <b>5.00</b> Come Dine with Me. <b>7.30</b> Channel 4 News. <b>8.00</b> When Boris Met Dave.	<b>9.30</b> <b>FILM:</b> Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994) British comedy, starring Hugh Grant. <b>11.45</b> Live from Abbey Road. Featuring Imelda Staunton, Seal and Sugarland. <b>12.55</b> <b>FILM:</b> Say Anything (1989) Premiere. Romantic comedy drama, starring John Cusack and Ione Skye. <b>2.45</b> My Other Wheelchair Is a Porsche. <b>3.00</b> Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip. <b>3.45</b> Invasion. <b>4.25</b> 3 Minute Wonder. <b>4.30</b> The Class. <b>4.50</b> Switched. <b>5.10</b> St Elsewhere.	<b>6.00</b> The Treacle People. <b>6.10</b> The Hoobs. <b>7.00</b> Beach Volleyball. <b>7.55</b> Freesports on 4 Freeze. <b>8.55</b> Hollyoaks. <b>11.25</b> Robbie Williams: Making of You Know Me. <b>11.40</b> Cheryl Cole: T4 Special. <b>11.55</b> The World's Greatest Pop Star: Girls Aloud. <b>1.00</b> Channel 4 Racing from Cheltenham and Fontwell Park. <b>3.30</b> Ugly Betty. <b>4.25</b> The Simpsons. <b>4.55</b> Deal or No Deal. <b>5.45</b> <b>FILM:</b> Clueless (1995) Comedy, with Alicia Silverstone.
<b>6.00</b> Sunrise. <b>7.00</b> Milkshake! <b>10.00</b> NFL UK. <b>11.00</b> The Gadget Show. <b>12.00</b> Britain's Best Brain. <b>1.00</b> Zoo Days. <b>1.30</b> <b>FILM:</b> Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (1972) Musical version of the classic novel, starring Fiona Fullerton. <b>3.20</b> Domino Day 2009. <b>4.50</b> Five News. <b>5.00</b> <b>FILM:</b> Contact (1997) Sci-fi drama, starring Jodie Foster.	<b>7.40</b> NCIS. <b>8.35</b> CSI: NY. A drag queen is found dead. <b>9.30</b> CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A TV producer is killed at a sci-fi convention. <b>10.30</b> Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. <b>11.25</b> CSI: NY. <b>12.25</b> SuperCasino. <b>3.55</b> Great Artists. <b>4.50</b> Rough Guide to Cities. <b>5.00</b> Hana's Helpline. <b>5.10</b> The Milkshake! Show. <b>5.35</b> Thomas & Friends. <b>5.45</b> Roary the Racing Car.	<b>9.55</b> Five News. <b>10.00</b> <b>FILM:</b> Dude, Where's My Car? (2000) Comedy, starring Seann William Scott and Ashton Kutcher. <b>11.45</b> FlashForward. <b>12.40</b> Urban Legends. A case of mistaken identity at an asylum. <b>1.10</b> NFL Live. Indianapolis Colts v New England Patriots (Kick-off 1.20am). <b>4.40</b> NFL Classic. <b>5.00</b> Hana's Helpline. <b>5.10</b> The Milkshake! Show. <b>5.35</b> Thomas & Friends. <b>5.45</b> Roary the Racing Car.
	<b>6.00</b> Milkshake! <b>9.15</b> The Wright Stuff. <b>10.45</b> Trisha Goddard. <b>11.45</b> Getting on the Property Ladder. <b>12.40</b> Five News. <b>12.50</b> Floyd's India. <b>1.15</b> Cooking the Books. <b>1.45</b> Neighbours. <b>2.15</b> Home and Away. <b>2.50</b> Property List: Top Spots. <b>3.05</b> Undue Influence. <b>5.00</b> Five News. <b>5.30</b> Neighbours. <b>6.00</b> Home and Away. <b>6.25</b> Live from Studio Five.	<b>7.30</b> Domino Day 2009. <b>8.00</b> The Gadget Show. The presenters take on the professionals. <b>9.00</b> FlashForward. <b>10.00</b> <b>FILM:</b> Urban Legend (1998) Horror, starring Alicia Witt. Including Five News Update. <b>12.05</b> Disorderly Conduct. <b>1.00</b> SuperCasino. <b>3.00</b> NASCAR. <b>3.55</b> Race and Rally UK. <b>4.45</b> Motorsport Mundial. <b>5.15</b> Neighbours. <b>5.35</b> Home and Away.

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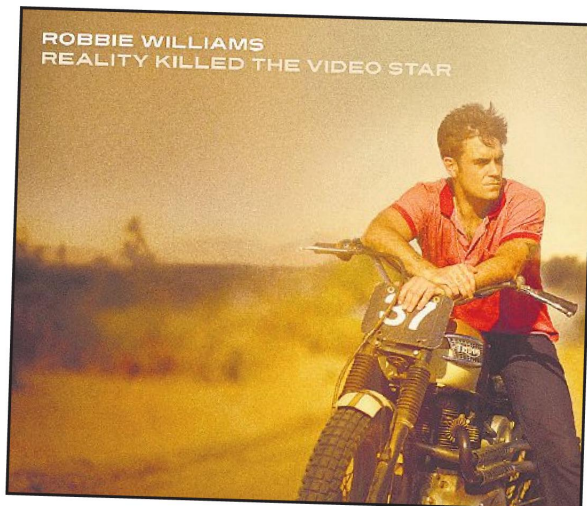
## Killing time

Robbie Williams' eighth studio album *Reality Killed the Video Star* is unleashed on a public hoping it will make amends for Rudebox



ROBBIE WILLIAMS will forever be the cheeky chappy of pop, no matter how

hard he tries to reinvent himself. His frustrations at not being taken seriously as an artist are well documented and his previous album, *Rudebox* – despite its bravery – backfired horribly and was universally mauled by the critics. The sad thing for Robbie is that he doesn't have an identity that lends itself to being taken seriously. For starters, he was in a hugely successful boy band that traded in no small part on its well-toned pecs and boyish good looks; Williams had no part in writing the songs and was never thought of as 'the one who would be a solo success'. That was to be Gary Barlow, don't y'know. So when Robbie did flummox his critics in the best way possible – with genuinely brilliant pop songs and a good impression of Freddie Mercury/Mick Jagger, nobody minded. It was only when he stepped out of the pigeonhole marked 'Inoffensive chart pop' that his love affair with Britain's mainstream fizzled out. Alienating his legions of fans with bizarre lyrics and obscure samples, Robbie was



never real enough for the cool set and his career floundered. Though the singer is undoubtedly a trier – and must be admired for looking to push the envelope – it is not hard to see why he hasn't had the crossover success he so desires. The glib title of Williams' eighth studio album, *Reality Killed the Video Star*, would suggest he has gone back to doing what he does best: straight-up pop. However, if album openers set out the stall, *Morning Sun* is

underwhelming at best. The arrangement is painfully MOR and the vocal sounds like he just couldn't be bothered. *Bodies* is trademark Williams – ie: ripping off someone else's style and trying to pass it off as his own. This time he's cribbing Stone Roses' singer and fellow surprise soloist, Ian Brown. It's a clever ploy, as the fan bases of the two ne'er they shall meet. Even the refrain of 'Bodies in the cemetery' shamelessly leans on the imagery Brown used

on *Corpses*. As a whole, RKTVS won't go down as one of Williams' best vocal performances. Arguably he has never re-scaled the heights of *Angels* or the more indie side of his early output, and on this record there is very little feeling put into the vocal deliveries. The scattershot approach of magpie-ing and what-will-stickery leaves the collection rudderless and is only dragged out of its malaise by a couple of the stronger songs. *Do You Mind* is Williams recapturing some kind of form and has a rock attitude that has been missing from his recent work. *Last Days of Disco* too strikes a good balance between 80s pop and noughties irreverence, signposting what *Rudebox* could have sounded like had it been better conceived. *Somewhere* is very twee as is *Deceptacon*, though the latter is stronger lyrically. *Starstruck* is an unashamedly bombastic pop song and the highlight of the album, harking back to Millennium, it is the sound of Williams finally being himself.

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*Reality Killed the Video Star* is out now at HMV, Greenwich Shopping Park, and other retailers

## Acoustic balladeer

## Mescall solo at Tudor Barn



THE Tudor Barn welcomed a family friendly audience on Friday 30 October to witness the final show of singer songwriter Don Mescall in England, before he embarks on an extensive tour of Ireland.

In its first concert since refurbishment, the venue on Well Hall Road, Eltham, showed glimpses of the showpiece it could become in time. The spacious cabaret layout of tables provided an excellent accompaniment to Mescall's informal stage presence. Standing isolated on a dimly lit stage with only a guitar for company, Mescall soulfully performed a morose repertoire with a haunting style reminiscent of fellow Irishman Damien Rice. Between numbers the singer enlightened the audience with personal tales of world experiences as well as explaining the internal feelings that have inspired his songs.

As a songwriter, his compositions have been performed by a vast mix of artists including Backstreet Boys, Clay Aiken, Richie Havens and Ronan Keating. Sadly though, Mescall could not engage the audience with the same electrifying charisma as some of the superstars he has written for, although he was able to hold the audience's attention throughout. The performer's songs are relaxing, inoffensive melodies that have the ability to virtually transport the auditorium to locations around the globe with the ease of an Airbus A380.

The Tudor Barn may not have been the most suitable venue for an artist such as Don Mescall, as the lack of support acts and inexperience of hosting professional musicians was painfully clear from the start of the show. Particularly stark was the rather inappropriate disco lighting illuminating the walls behind Mescall, who, as a folk singer, could only have looked further out of place on stage if accompanied by a strobe light. That said, the show was well received by those in attendance, providing an enjoyable Friday night and a departure from the Halloween themed events in other venues, leaving much of the audience with a burning desire to see Don Mescall perform again.

Matt Fricker

## Great expectations for Jim Carrey



THIS is a brand new version of the greatest Christmas story ever told, second only to the *Nativity* itself. To date, there have been 26 film versions of the story and – by the way – Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' was the 1938 version. The story is great because the author Charles Dickens encompassed within a slim novella the very essence of the Christmas message. What has perhaps been forgotten is the originality of the story in 1843 and the fact that it was a gritty social commentary on the cruel and icy London of the time.

Director Robert Zemeckis has not

strayed far from the original work and has attempted to create a modern version through the medium of motion capture technology and state-of-the-art 3D animation – with IMAX quality to boot. And where Zemeckis' *Polar Express* promised so much in terms of new filmmaking techniques, but fell a little short, *A Christmas Carol* makes full use of all its facets. Motion capture could have been made with Jim Carrey's gangly frame in mind, and the actor revels in his role as Scrooge, giving him the chance to further his rubber-faced ambitions aided by the wonders of technology. Bob Hoskins' friendly presence is an ever-

fitting addition to roll out at Crimbo, and he plays his characters – all of them – with the warmth of a freshly-stoked hearth.

In an attempt to make the most of the 3D format, the pace of the film is somewhat relentless, but nonetheless, ACC sits well with other versions of the tale, one or two of which are great cinema and my guess is that it will not be the last. Most importantly, it will make a great traditional Christmas treat for the family – and that is what Christmas is all about.

Martin McHugh

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**Royal Herbert Leisure Club, 1A Mennie House, Gilbert Close, London SE18 4PR**

Notice is hereby given that **Diana Humphreys** has applied to the London Borough of Greenwich for a Variation to the premises licence for the following changes:

**To remove all embedded conditions to the Licensing Act 1964, The London Government Act 1963 and the Sunday Entertainment Act 1932.**

**To extend hours for Regulated Entertainment, Late Night Refreshment and Sale of Alcohol on Saturday and Sunday from 0000 to 0100 and on Sunday from 1100 to 1200 and 2230 to 0000.**

Anyone wishing to oppose this application must write to Trading Standards Department, Riverside House, Woolwich High Street, London, SE18 6DN by the **7th December 2009** and give reasons for their opposition.

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Steve Pallett - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING

**Publicity For Planning Applications.**

<b>Applicant:</b> Mr K. Robertson, GREENACRE HOMES (SOLD) GALLIONS HOUSING ASSOCIATION	09/14911F
<b>LAND AT, 23-34 HARVEY GARDENS, CHARLTON</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Erection of a 2 storey row of terrace houses with accommodation in the roof for 14 no. 3, 4 and 5-bed properties.	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> PLO02, PLO03, PLO04, PLO05, PLO06, PLO07, PLO08, PLO09, GED A003-101 Rev A, Design and Access Statement, Transport Assessment, Statement on Planning Obligations Contributions, Model S106 (Draft), Schedule of Accommodation and Site Plan	
<b>Library:</b> East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0RL	
<b>Conservation Area:</b>	
<b>Applicant:</b> Mrs Q Formica	09/1763F
<b>17 WESTCOMBE PARK ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7HE</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Construction of a raised timber platform with climbing net and slide.	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 0801 DGP01, 1802.2.31, 1802.3.34, 1802.4.1 (Black Garden Layouts), Street 1 of 1 and Design & Access Statement	
<b>Library:</b> Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road SE3 7ET	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> WESTCOMBE PARK	
<b>Applicant:</b> Mr Jonathan Atkins	09/2019F
<b>20 LUTON PLACE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8QE</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Construction of a two storey rear extension (Renewal of planning permission dated 5/1/05 Ref: 04/1765/F)	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 01/20/1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Design & Access Statement	
<b>Library:</b> East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0RL	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> WEST GREENWICH	
<b>Applicant:</b> Mrs C Dawson	09/2021F
<b>22 LUTON PLACE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8QE</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Construction of a two storey rear extension (Renewal of planning permission dated 5/1/05 Ref: 04/1766/F)	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 01/20/1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Design & Access Statement	
<b>Library:</b> East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0RL	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> WEST GREENWICH	
<b>Applicant:</b> Dr J. Stephens	09/2178F
<b>14 STRATHEDEN ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7TA</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Installation of a 1.6 metre high fence fronting Highway (retrospective).	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 1404.1, Allocated No. 001, Photosheets (x4), Design and Access Statement and Site Plan	
<b>Library:</b> Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road SE3 7ET	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> BLACKHEATH	
<b>Applicant:</b> Redmark Ltd	09/2186F
<b>43-81 GREENWICH HIGH ROAD, GREENWICH, SE10 8LL</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Submission of reserved matters pursuant to Conditions 1 & 2 (Design and External Appearance) of Appeal Decision (Appeal 01) of the Secretary of State dated 11/11/06 (Planning Ref: 06/0394/O) for the demolition of buildings to provide a mixed use development consisting of commercial floorspace B1, B8, retail and 227 residential units.	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> PL 009 Rev A, 100 Rev C, 101 Rev B, 102 Rev B, 103 Rev B, 104 Rev B, 105 Rev B, 106 Rev B, 107 Rev B, 108 Rev B, 109 Rev B, 110 Rev B, 111 Rev B, 112 Rev A, 126 Rev A, 127 Rev A, 128 Rev A, 129 Rev A, 140 Rev C, 141 Rev D, 142 Rev B, 143 Rev A, 144 Rev A, 146 Rev A, 147 Rev B, Design & Access Statement and letter dated 29/9/08	
<b>Library:</b> East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0RL	
<b>Conservation Area:</b>	
<b>Applicant:</b> London and Regional Properties	09/2272F
<b>36-38 ARTILLERY PLACE, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 4AB</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of the site comprising the erection of two 6-storey buildings to provide office units at ground floor and 57 flats on first to fifth floors with associated ground and basement car and cycle parking.	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 071-179/001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 018, 019, Transport Statement, Marketing Report, Energy Strategy Plan, Planning Statement, Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document, Daylight, Sunlight and Overheadway Study, Design and Access Statement and letter dated 14/10/09	
<b>Library:</b> Woolwich Library, Cablewood Street SE18 6QE	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> opposite to Woolwich Common	
<b>Applicant:</b> Mr T Pearce & Mr J Gamber	09/2293F
<b>HARDYS, 92 TRAFALGAR ROAD, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9UW</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Extension of basement and ground floor and a four-storey addition to provide hotel accommodation comprising 116 double bedrooms (see submission).	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> P01 Rev A, P02, P04 Rev A, P05 Rev A, P06 Rev A, P07 Rev A, S101 (site location plan), S102, S103, S104 (street), S105 (street), S106 (street), Design and Access Statement, Transport Statement and Daylight and Sunlight Analysis.	
<b>Library:</b> East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL	
<b>Conservation Area:</b>	
<b>Applicant:</b> HYDE HOUSING ASSOCIATION	09/2295F
<b>18 LOVEFACE GREEN, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1UF</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Replacement of existing UPVC rear door with new UPVC Door.	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 08/PM/2144A, Allocated No. 001, Design and Access Statement, Photosheet and Site Plan	
<b>Library:</b> Eltham Library, 2 Avery Road SE9 1HA	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> PROGRESS ESTATE	
<b>Applicant:</b> HYDE HOUSING ASSOCIATION	09/2296F
<b>45 GRANBY ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1EH</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Replacement of existing windows and rear garden door with UPVC.	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 45-G-1, 45-G-2, 45-G-3, 45-G-4, 45-G-5, 45-G-6, 45-G-7, 08/PM/2557/01, Site Location Plan, Photo 1, Photo 2 and Design and Access Statement	
<b>Library:</b> Eltham Library, 2 Avery Road SE9 1HA	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> PROGRESS ESTATE	
<b>Applicant:</b> HYDE HOUSING ASSOCIATION	09/2298F
<b>129 GRANBY ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1EJ</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Replacement of existing windows and rear door with UPVC.	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 08/PM/2557/01, Allocated Drawing No. 001, Photo 1, Photo 2, Site Location Plan and Design and Access Statement	
<b>Library:</b> Eltham Library, 2 Avery Road SE9 1HA	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> PROGRESS ESTATE	
<b>Applicant:</b> Greenwich Neighbourhood Services	09/2309F
<b>FLATS A-D 27 KIDBROOKE PARK ROAD, KIDBROOKE, LONDON, SE3 0UR</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Replacement of windows with UPVC windows.	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 00/01/001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 164/01/001, 002, Dec 04-01, 02, 03, Dec 05-01 site location plan and Design & Access Statement	
<b>Library:</b> Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road SE3 7ET	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> BLACKHEATH	
<b>Applicant:</b> Mr J. Blair	09/2310F
<b>34 BUSHMOOR CRESCENT, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3EF</b>	
<b>Development:</b> Creation of landscaping for parking and construction of a drop kerb.	
<b>Drawing Numbers:</b> Fig 1.1, Fig 1.2, Design and Access Statement, Photos (x4) and Site Plan	
<b>Library:</b> Woolwich Library, Cablewood Street SE18 1JL	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> SHREWSBURY PARK ESTATE	



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### Mental Health Support Worker (Day Services and Social Groups)

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Grade: NJC S01, (29-31) £26,845 - £27,672 (Inc. OLW) Pro Rata  
Hours: 21hrs  
Line Manager: Chief Executive Officer  
Location: Greenwich

### Job Summary:

To take a key role in the provision of Greenwich Mind Day services and Social groups, in a community Mental Health Centre. Applicants will need experience of working with a diverse range of people suffering mental distress.

To contribute to the effective delivery of a recovery-focused, varied programme incorporating individualised planning and support, focused courses, and informal peer support group activities. Activities will take place at Greenwich Mind's Centre and off-site, during and outside of normal office hours.

The post holder will be a motivator and enabler, actively promoting social inclusion and continually looking to involve service users and staff in partnership working. Also encouraging service users to seek opportunities that are of interest to them, and supporting them in achieving goals they have set for themselves.

For an application pack

**Telephone:** 020 8853 2395

**email:** acting.director@greenwichmind.co.uk

**Closing Date for applications:** 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Probationary Period: All posts are subject to a six-month probationary period

**You will be working alongside vulnerable people so will also need to undergo a successful enhanced CRB check.**



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### Mental Health Counsellor - CBT

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Hours: 21 hrs  
Line Manager: Chief Executive Officer  
Location: Greenwich

### Job Summary:

To provide cognitive behaviour therapy, counselling and group work for Greenwich Mind service users and also some Crisis Counselling work.

The post holder will be a motivator and enabler, actively promoting social inclusion and able to liaise closely with the Greenwich Mind staff team.

You will be able to practice and maintain an effective system of dealing with appropriate referrals to your service and also referral pathways where appropriate.

The Chief Executive Officer is the line Manager, supervision and consultancy is given.

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# SPORT



**GAME FOR BASKETBALL:** young players from across the borough loved their 'taster session' in Charlton School

## Where there's a wheel Children shine at basketball

by Pat Greenwood

**YOUNG** players from schools across the borough - including several total novices - got through a total of 30 five-a-side games at a super-charged "taster" afternoon, designed to raise the profile of the popular Paralympic sport ahead of London 2012.

The event, hosted by Charlton School in Charlton Park Road, was organised by Vicky Lambert, highly specialist children's physiotherapist with Greenwich Community Health Services (GCHS).

Vicky - inspired by a three-day 'Time to Shine' sports event in July at Stoke Mandeville, attended by children with disabilities from the five London Olympic host boroughs - wanted to invite as many young people as possible so long as they could self-propel a manual wheelchair.

She worked alongside Gordon Stead, the area's development manager for the Greenwich Schools' Sports Partnership, and Deborah Reid, head of PE at Charlton School. Gordon also invited half-a-dozen sports leaders from the John Roan School, Blackheath, to help out.

Vicky, based at the Goldie Leigh unit at Lodge Hill, Abbey

Wood, told GT: "When you talk to the young people, one of their biggest concerns is they can't always join in sport with their friends. An event like this lets them play with each other, meet new friends, meet other families - and generally enjoy themselves."

She added: "Basketball is great for cardiovascular fitness and for building strength in the upper body."



**STAR QUALITY:** Archie Collins on the ball

Rising star of the afternoon was seven-year-old Archie Collins, a pupil of Millennium Primary School, who lives in Blackheath.

Archie, whose mum Amanda was told he would never speak when he was born prematurely, doesn't let his cerebral palsy get in the way of his love for sport.

The skilled horseman and footballer, who made his debut on a basketball court in a neighbouring borough, told us: "I've played 86 times. Basketball makes me feel very good. You just have to jump up, catch the ball - and score. I train at home. I lob the ball at the wall and I practise dribbling it in the back yard."

Mum added: "Archie received an invitation to try this sport out and he shows quite a natural skill. Now basketball is his passion."

Shannon Williams, 13, from Woolwich, is in Year 2 at Charlton School. She also has cerebral palsy and limited mobility. The keen tennis player had never tried basketball before.

She managed to score and she told GT: "I really liked it. I wanted to try this because it is different."

Now Vicky, Gordon and Deborah are planning an afternoon football event for the children on November 18.

## Dive right in!

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like the support that modern athletes get - I had to go to Cardiff to train! - and I'm equally pleased that Greenwich is supporting local athletes through the Starting Blocks charity. What a bonus it will be if we have a Greenwich competitor in just under 1,000 days' time.

"The Olympics is the ultimate competition and it's unimaginable until you get there - the people, the whole ambience is phenomenal."

John - who was born in Colomb Street, Greenwich, and went to nearby Christ Church primary school before going on to Eltham Green - finished 23rd out of the 32 competitors in Munich, the tournament scarred by the terrorist attack that claimed the lives of 11 Israeli athletes.

He had previously finished sixth in the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, been English champion and champion of Kent and the Southern Counties, "Man and boy for 14 years".

His Olympic jacket, tie, sweatshirt, commemorative medal and a photo of him diving are included in Greenwich's Olympic library collection and memorabilia.

John got friendly with famed Olympic rider Harvey Smith. "He wanted to teach me to ride while I taught his two children to dive, but no way - I can't stand horses!"

"I was 21 and had just married Jan in the March of 1972. Jan and my parents gave me tremendous support but there was no money in sport then - I was skint after giving up a job at Covent Garden."

"It's different now and so it

should be. Sport at this level makes characters. You learn a lot about yourself under pressure and I can't understand the opposition to the Olympics coming to Greenwich. We've got kings and queens that have lived here - it's a fantastic borough."

John, a technical officer for the British team after he finished diving, went on to more international acclaim as an artist - and water was involved again. Among other things he paints water colours of ancient baptismal fonts from all over the world and has exhibited in Portugal and recently in Bloomsbury.

His first diving success came when he was a Cub. He was a member of Greenwich Swimming Club and later trained in Eltham Baths. "I got the bite for it after watching the Rome Olympics. I went on to become English champion on the highboard," said John. "I went down to three-metre after having serious accident and being on my back for three months. I was fixed up by Dr. Buck, who took care of all the injuries at Charlton Athletic."

"I was Kent champion and Southern Counties champion for about 14 years. I won my first junior international against West Germany and Holland. I just missed the Mexico Games in 1968 but made the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in 1970 and went on from there."

"My body is creaking now, but I wouldn't have changed it for the world. You just keep on keeping on, it's a wonderful life and I'm still dancing!"

### Charity Administrator

Helping older people to stay in their own homes

A long established local charity needs a part-time administrator to help extend its activities. The work includes administration & assessment of requests for grants and liaison with other organisations working in the same field.

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Interested? Send SAE for a copy of the job description to:

**The Greenwich Charity of William Hatcliffe and the Misses Smith,**  
c/o Councillor Dick Quibell,  
Town Hall, Wellington Street,  
London SE18 6PW.



# SPORT

**THE LOCAL STARS OF  
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL**  
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## Dive right in!

Olympian  
says make  
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**I'm equally  
pleased that  
Greenwich is  
supporting local  
athletes through  
the Starting  
Blocks charity**

by Peter Cordwell

JOHN Baker's been there, done it and has no doubts that Greenwich should grasp and celebrate every aspect of the London 2012 Olympics coming to the borough.

John, now a zestful 58-year-old, was in the Great Britain diving team in the ill-fated 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

The former Eltham Green schoolboy told GT: "2012 represent a fantastic opportunity for Greenwich and I'm delighted the council is backing it all the way.

"The benefits will be felt for years afterwards. Greenwich already has global appeal but just imagine what an effect that amazing backdrop will have on the watching millions all around the world. We can't imagine it now but, believe me, this place will take off during and after 2012.

"Also, in my day we had nothing

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# Centre forward!





Confirmation last month that Woolwich will be an Olympic and Paralympic venue is good news stories for the town. It comes on the heels of Woolwich's new DLR station success. The scheme to improve the flow of buses around General Gordon Square

# The Talk of

## A cent

**A** PAIR of imposing concrete "cores" - one of them 35 metres high - and a smaller tower are rising into the skyline on the site of Greenwich Council's new Woolwich Centre, which is due to open opposite the historic town hall in Wellington Street by the autumn of 2011.

The new landmark, which has already changed the Woolwich skyline, will deal with all council business, including phone calls and emails from its contact centre. Residents will be able to call in about benefits and advice, and all payment services as well as housing, planning and other services currently offered at various offices in Woolwich.

It will also have a library - just like its "sister" building already open in Archery Road, Eltham - as well as a business centre, and exhibition and meeting space called the Greenwich Gallery.

The three towers - built to house the lifts

## A Square

THE building works going on in General Gordon Square will help change the flow of buses and taxis around the square.

Once that's complete, Greenwich Council aims to carry out a wider revamp of General Gordon Square and Beresford Square.

Already, local residents and businesses have given suggestions for how they'd like the squares improved.

The Woolwich Project recently received approval in awaiting full government. Communities. If it gets the light, this scheme will transform the area into attractive spaces that can host events while relaxing place as well.

**CORE BLIMEY:** the two concrete towers changing the Woolwich skyline on the site of the new Woolwich Centre





e - home to the London 2012 shooting events - is just the latest in a series of  
tion, whose arrival earlier this year has been widely celebrated as a huge  
e is almost complete. Let's have a look at these projects and others that are...

# f the Town!

## re to make Woolwich proud

and staircases and to carry all the services needed for the building - have been installed and the project is progressing on time. The brickwork and plastering will start next spring.

The Woolwich Centre, which will cost in the region of £55 million, has been funded through savings made by the borough and the sale of other council buildings - not through Council Tax.

Principal contractors Wates began building in earnest in the summer when the first 50-metre crane was lifted into place. A second crane arrived one month later. Construction work is taking place from 8am until 6pm on weekdays.

Linda Porter, treasurer of the Rudd Street and Buttmarsh tenants' association, was one of a group of tenants' reps who attended a presentation about the centre in the summer. She said: "If the Woolwich Centre is anything like the Eltham Centre it's going to be wonderful.

**It is very exciting to see work underway. This will be a wonderful civic building for the community of Greenwich to be proud of**

From the plans, the building seems very impressive - environmentally friendly, airy and open - but still with private space. To have all the services under one roof will really help, as it can be confusing for tenants when you aren't sure where to go for different services."

Greenwich Council's catering team is

running the site canteen for the current workforce of around 75. Around 12 per cent of the workforce are Greenwich residents, some of them recruited through GLLaB, the borough's local labour and business scheme.

The workforce will increase to around 300 in the later stages of construction.

The Woolwich Centre has been specially designed so that its carbon emissions will be 45 per cent lower than current national standards. The highest environmental standards have been incorporated into the design, as well as the schedule for the whole of the two-year construction.

The roof will go on next summer, and the Woolwich Centre will be fitted out in early 2011, ready for 2,000 council staff to move in that summer.

The building is on seven floors, but, with the gallery, it will have nine levels with a viewing platform facing out towards the river. Cllr Sajid Jawaaid, the council's

cabinet member for modernisation, said: "It's very exciting to see work underway. This will be a wonderful civic building for the Greenwich community to be proud of."

The Woolwich Centre is one of three new local "service centres" planned for the borough's three town centres. The Eltham Centre opened in late 2007 and the Greenwich Centre is to be built on the site of the old Greenwich District Hospital in Trafalgar Road. The centres are part of an £800 million investment by the council including improvements to schools, homes, leisure facilities and access to council services.

The Woolwich Centre is part of the Love Lane Development which will also include new shops, hundreds of new homes, and an 8,000 square metre Tesco store that will have a low-carbon design and use sustainable timber for construction, a green roof and solar panels and wind turbines to power the shop.

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## Special deliveries...

PARENTS visiting the town hall to register their new arrivals have a safer route into the Woolwich Registry Office. A modernisation project has revamped the ageing lifts, improved wheelchair access and also provided better lighting and security doors.

## New 'eyes and ears' of the community

A NEW team to serve as the "eyes and ears of the community" is now patrolling to make Woolwich town centre safer and smarter for everyone who lives, works and shops here.

The 17-strong team of town centre wardens - whose regular patrols take in Eltham, Plumstead and Greenwich town centres as well as Woolwich - comes at the same time as the police are setting up a new team to patrol Woolwich town centre, part of an initiative by the Met to support town centres across the capital.

## Screen dreams

CHILDREN from eight local primary schools will be able to see their work on a giant 24 square metre screen in General Gordon Square as part of a pre-Christmas extravaganza to help launch the BBC Live Site in Woolwich next month.

The schools were selected after replying to a council invitation to create a short film featuring children singing their favourite festive song. The films will premiere at a Big Screen Christmas Sing Along as part of the annual Woolwich Winter Warmer event on Saturday December 12.

Following the main event, the films will be screened at regular intervals on the Big Screen in the run-up to Christmas.

Cardwell primary in Woolwich, one of the eight schools chosen to take part, says it plans to film its school choir singing a mix of traditional carols and other Christmas songs.

"We're really pleased and excited," said Anna Sullivan, arts coordinator for the school. "It'll be a good experience for the children to be able to see themselves up on the big screen."

The school films are the first in a series of community-made features that will appear on the Live Site between now and 2012. The screen is part of the Council's Olympic legacy programme and is sponsored by the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games and the BBC.

It is part of a nationwide network of screens that will form the focus for public events, including screenings of major sporting and cultural events such as international sports fixtures and BBC Proms.



# Transport makes a key difference



**SPACE AGE:** Wider pavements and safer crossings were part of the improvements completed by TfL at Plumstead Road

NO one visiting the centre of Woolwich can have failed to notice the building work going on in and around the Arsenal station - all aimed at creating further improvements to public transport. Last autumn, Transport for London completed a new "super

crossing" at Plumstead Road to link the Royal Arsenal with the town centre. This scheme is also changed the access into Woolwich New Road, restricting it to "buses and access only". The work to improve bus flow around General Gordon Square is now nearly complete. This

scheme will alter the bus interchange arrangements around the square, and make Woolwich New Road two-way for buses, cycles and loading. Benefits will include a reduction in the number of buses having to squeeze their way along Vincent Road and Burrage

Road. Together with new kerbs and paving, and new traffic lights at the junction with Thomas Street, most of these changes will be up and running within the next four weeks, and the entire programme is due to be completed early in the new year.

## Now 3,000,000 let DLR take the strain

IF anyone ever wondered about the impact that new transport services can have on a town, they need look no further than the success of the DLR service in Woolwich. Since it opened at the start of 2009, the DLR link beneath the river has carried more than

3,000,000 passengers and led DLR to double the frequency of trains in the morning rush hour. In a difficult economic climate, the direct link from Woolwich to Docklands, the City and London City Airport, has helped make job markets across the capital much more accessible for locals.



**PEAK PERFORMANCE:** morning passengers at the DLR station in Woolwich

## Where to catch your bus in Woolwich town centre

